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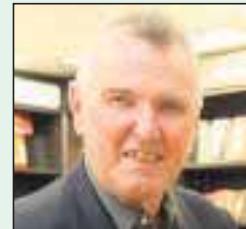
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This win moved them up to 13th and was needed with Wigan also bagging three points with a home victory over Norwich.

Though Saints remain only four points above the drop zone, their result and others elsewhere means there are suddenly a lot more teams involved in the relegation battle and that makes safety seem even closer for Mauricio Pochettino and his men.

Saints started brightly and had a sight of goal after just

two minutes as a high, hanging cross was nodded down to Jay Rodriguez but he half volleyed well over the bar from just inside the area.

Rodriguez was looking lively and almost carved Chelsea open singlehandedly.

He broke quickly from the halfway line on the counter attack and pushed on to the edge of the area.

The only disappointment was his side footed finish, which was straight at Petr Cech.

Saints were looking rampant in the early stages with Chelsea pinned back.

Jason Puncheon got off an effort that Cech was able to stop before Rickie Lambert's low drive after Nathaniel Clyne's blocked cut back was stopped by a diving challenge

in the area.

Saints did get the lead they had so thoroughly deserved on 23 minutes - and it was little surprise that it was Rodriguez that delivered it.

It was a wonderfully worked team goal that finished with Lambert sliding the ball from the left wing into the feet of Rodriguez.

He played a lovely one-two with Steven Davis, whose pass was perfectly weighted and intersected full back and centre half, and Rodriguez needed no second invitation to open up his body and finish first time right footed low across Cech and into the far corner for 1-0.

There was a let off moments later though as Maya Yoshida got completely caught out and

NO HOPE: Chelsea boss Rafa Benitez can't hide his frustration.

Fernando Torres pushed on and finished but the referee blew his whistle for handball against the Spaniard.

Chelsea were trying to attack down the right with Victor Moses using his pace to run at Luke Shaw and Artur Boruc was happy to see a cross from Moses that deflected off of Shaw go just over the bar.

However, from the corner all Saints' hard work was undone as they conceded a horrible goal.

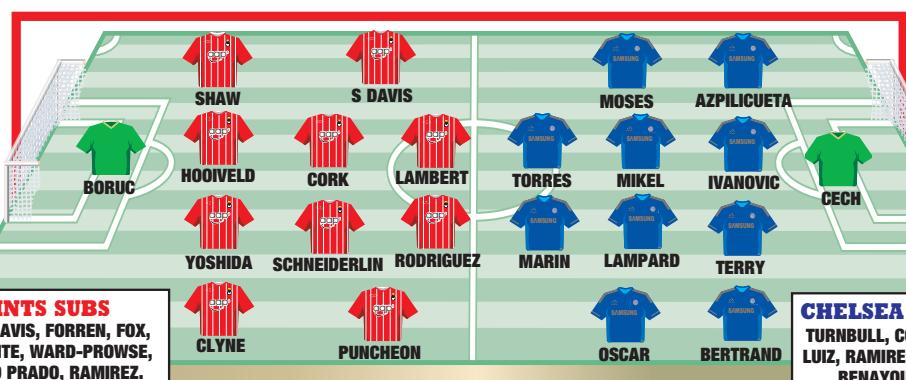
Having dominated the match they switched off, John Terry's movement lost Jos Hooiveld, who ended up slipping over, and the Chelsea captain had a free header six yards out and powered it down into the net for 1-1.

Saints didn't mope about though and were back in the lead less than two minutes later.

Lambert celebrated his 500th career league appearance in style as he curled a 25 yard free kick to the left side of the area up and over the wall.

It had bend and dip and Cech was unable to get anywhere near it and Saints led 2-1.

That was the last significant



SAINTS SUBS
K DAVIS, FORREN, FOX,
FONTE, WARD-PROWSE,
DO PRADO, RAMIREZ.

ADAM Lallana was forced to sit out the visit of Chelsea through injury.

The midfielder picked up a slight groin strain against Liverpool and though

TEAM NEWS

Saints were hopeful he would be ready in time he didn't quite make it. He was one of two changes to the side that defeated the subs.

Liverpool. Gaston Ramirez also dropped out, with Steven Davis and Jason Puncheon coming into the side. Ramirez was amongst the subs.

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for Pochettino's men

SCALP IN SAINTS...



action of the half and when the whistle went Saints had the lead their play deserved.

Saints made an unexpected change at half time with Artur Boruc going off injured to be replaced in goal by Kelvin Davis.

They started the second half on the front foot again, pushing Chelsea back from the off.

Cech decided on a safety first option two minutes after the restart to push wide Clyne's fierce drive from the right.

Chelsea were starting to get a slight foothold in the game as the half settled down but Saints were continuing to work tirelessly to pressure the team and make life tough.

Certainly they were not leaking chances.

Kelvin Davis was forced into his first meaningful action on 59 minutes. Chelsea took a quick free kick down the right and it was cut back to Moses.

He made a horrible connection with his shot but that meant it looped up and needed Kelvin Davis to quickly back

peddle and dive to turn the ball onto the top of the bar and over.

Chelsea made their first change two minutes later with Eden Hazard replacing Marko Marin.

Saints responded moments later with James Ward-Prowse coming on for Puncheon as they went to more of a 4-4-2 with Steven Davis on the left of midfield, Ward-Prowse on the right and Rodriguez up front alongside Lambert.

As the game started to get stretched Saints had a chance to surely seal a win as Rodriguez got in down the left but his shot was blocked by Cech.

Chelsea had a penalty appeal turned down as Yoshida stayed strong in the area and Moses went down but referee Jon Moss deemed it fair contact.

Chelsea made a second switch on 72 minutes with Ramires coming on for Jon Obi Mikel.

Torres was the first player in

the book for a foul on Yoshida before Chelsea made their final change with Yossi Benayoun on for Oscar.

Hazard threatened as he broke down the right and cut into the area and drilled a low cross that nobody could quite get to.

Lambert got booked for Saints for kicking the ball away as Saints looked to run the clock down.

Saints made their final change with five minutes remaining with Danny Fox coming on for Steven Davis.

Morgan Schneiderlin was booked for bringing down Hazard and gave away a free kick 20 yards out just to the left of centre but Frank Lampard fired over the bar.

When the fourth official held up the board it showed four minutes of stoppage time for Saints to see out, but they hadn't really been troubled yet.

That theme continued as they saw out the time without a single worry to ensure a memorable three points.



ABOVE: Jos Hooiveld keeps Chelsea's Fernando Torres at bay at St Mary's.

LEFT: Rickie Lambert curls in a free-kick to put Saints 2-1 ahead.



ABOVE: Luke Shaw takes on Chelsea striker Victor Moses.

BELLOW: Jay Rodriguez tucks in Saints' opening goal.



Poch is a happy man

MAURICIO Pochettino said his side fully deserved their famous win over Chelsea.

Saints downed the Champions League holders with a 2-1 win at St Mary's with goals from Jay Rodriguez and Rickie Lambert sealing the three points.

The win moves Saints significantly closer to safety and means they have now beaten Manchester City, Liverpool and Chelsea at St Mary's in 2013.

Pochettino, pictured, said: "In front of us was Chelsea, the champions of Europe, and it's completely normal that in the second half Chelsea were looking to get the win.

"In the overall analysis of the game we deserved the win and had good chances to get a better result but we weren't able to score.

"I am really happy with the performance of my players and especially the players that don't normally get to play as much. It's important to highlight how well they played."



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Premiership Spotlight

Carroll fires a Hammer blow

WEST HAM 3 WEST BROM 1
 ANDY Carroll gave Roy Hodgson a timely reminder of his talents as he inspired West Ham to an impressive win which eased any lingering hopes of relegation at Upton Park. Carroll has endured a difficult time in east London since he arrived on loan from Liverpool last summer, but he battered West Brom's ailing defence in to submission.

Carroll was not in Hodgson's party for England's trip to Montenegro on Tuesday where the Three Lions struggled to hold on to the ball and failed to take their chances.

And on this evidence, Hodgson will surely be considering recalling Carroll for this summer's friendlies against the Republic of Ireland and Brazil.

The towering striker brushed off his marker and thumped a header past Ben Foster to put the Hammers ahead and then powered home a well-taken volley after Gary O'Neil had made it 2-0.

Carroll had been the butt of criticism from Sam Allardyce in mid-week for his lack of goals, but the way he toyed with the Baggies back line, and the way he took his fourth and fifth goals for the club, may force his manager to push through plans to keep the striker beyond the end of the season.

West Ham were good value for their victory, with Kevin Nolan, Mohamed Diame and O'Neil all impressing to move the Hammers on to 36 points - two short of the figure Allardyce thinks his team will need to avoid the drop.

Allardyce, who this week said he will sign a new contract when he reaches that 38-point mark, watched his team totally dominate the Baggies, with the visitors' only consolation coming through Graham Dorrans' penalty at the death.

Former Chelsea boss Andre Villas Boas watched another superb display by ex-Saint Gareth Bale inspire Spurs to a valuable 2-1 win at Swansea. Bale set up Jan Vertonghen for his seventh minute opener then flicked home a superb 21st-minute effort to increase his side's lead. Michu pulled back a 71st-minute header.

Adkins kicks off with heavy defeat

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 ARSENAL kept up the pressure in the race for Champions League qualification with a 4-1 win over Reading at Emirates Stadium, which sent the Royals bottom of the Barclays Premier League.

Ivory Coast international Gervinho, such a frustrating figure for the Gunners, set the hosts on their way after 11 minutes.

However, despite dominating possession, it was not until the start of the

second half where the crucial breakthrough came again, this time Santi Cazorla sweeping home. Olivier Giroud added a third following a quick break by Gervinho.

Hal Robson-Kanu headed in a consolation for Nigel Adkins' men - the ex-Saints manager in charge for the first time - but there was to be no recovery as Mikel Arteta's penalty made sure Arsenal closed up on Chelsea in the race for fourth-spot and also

remained within striking distance of Tottenham.

Arsenal captain Thomas Vermaelen and goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny both had to be content with a place on the bench, while Adkins' made two changes in his first match in charge, as striker Pavel Pogrebnyak returned from suspension and Danny Guthrie also came in to midfield.

Reading - who squandered a 4-0 lead against Arsenal in their home

Capital One Cup tie earlier this season - started positively, as Mikele Leigertwood headed wide from a corner.

On seven minutes, there were chants and applause in memory of former Arsenal and England midfielder David Rocastle, who 12 years ago tomorrow lost his battle against cancer aged just 33.

But the home fans were soon on their feet again on 11 minutes as Gervinho fired them into an early

lead.

The Ivory Coast forward turned on the edge of the penalty area, before feeding Giroud. The ball broke to Cazorla out on the left, and his low centre was swept into the roof of the net, past former Arsenal trainee Stuart Taylor and

when Gervinho scored after 48 minutes, it was a case of damage limitation for Adkins' men, who, barring a minor miracle, are heading for a swift return to the npower Championship.

Pressure on Pards

**MANCHESTER CITY 4
NEWCASTLE 0**

GOALS by Carlos Tevez, David Silva, Yaya Toure and Vincent Kompany piled the pressure on Alan Pardew as his lacklustre Newcastle side slipped beneath Saints in the Premier League table nearer to the drop zone for comfort.

The liveliest the home fans got early on however was with Newcastle goalkeeper Rob Elliot, who from a ridiculously early point was dragging out every dead ball and free-kick he was asked to take.

As it turned out, the game clicked into gear thanks to a rare visitors' attack. Vurnon Anita dropped a superb crossfield pass perfectly into the path of Papiss Cisse, whose first-time effort was well saved at his near post by Joe Hart.

Within minutes Gareth Barry was striding onto Samir Nasri's cut-back, the goal gaping in front of him. Inexplicably, Barry fired over.

Crucially though, City had built

up some momentum. And when Gael Clichy squeezed a cross through to the far post, Tevez slid in to turn it home.

It was the South Americans seventh goal in six games and his 17th overall this season, and the hosts were in no mood to offer Newcastle any way back.

Clichy brought an outstanding save out of Elliot, as did Edin Dzeko, before an intricate bit of passing from Yaya Toure and Samir Nasri offered Silva the chance to reach the corner of the six-yard box, where he buried his shot with some aplomb.

Why Newcastle waited until their position was virtually hopeless before injecting any degree of urgency into their game was a mystery but they began the second period with a sense of purpose.

Yohan Cabaye flashed a shot across goal after running onto Cisse's lay-off before the midfielder zipped a shot over from 20 yards. In between, an offside flag rendered Cisse's shot over on the stretch irrelevant.

That flurry was as good as it got for the visitors. Kompany hit the third goal and, with 20 minutes left, Toure strode through some poor Newcastle defending and beat Elliot at his near post.



SILVA SHINES: David Silva has lots of space to score City's second goal.

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Premiership Spotlight



UNITED IN SEVENTH HEAVEN AT THE TOP

TITUS Bramble's unfortunate own goal gave Manchester United their seventh straight league win and allowed them to tighten their stranglehold on the Barclays Premier League title.

The luckless defender unwittingly turned Robin van Persie's 27th-minute shot past keeper Simon Mignolet after it had also clipped Phil Bardsley on its way to goal.

It proved enough to hand United a victory on a day when they were far superior to their relegation-threatened hosts for long periods.

The Black Cats were barely in the game before the break, but buoyed by United's failure to build upon their lead, rallied after it without ever testing keeper David de Gea as they extended their run without a league win to eight games.

United probably should have killed the game off long before the final whistle, but they did enough to extend their lead at the top of the table, for a few hours at least, to 18 points, the perfect preparation for Monday night's FA Cup quarter-final replay at Chelsea.

Sir Alex Ferguson did not even include Rio Ferdinand and Wayne Rooney in his 18 with Monday's trip to Stamford Bridge looming large, but his side eased their way through the first half without ever having to find top gear.

There were 12 minutes gone when full-back Alex Buttner embarked upon a determined run which took him past both Craig Gardner and Bardsley and deep into the penalty area, where Mignolet managed to block his close-range effort.

The Belgian had to be equally alert three minutes later as the Dutchman threatened to get on the end of a through-ball, and he then had to claw an Ashley Young cross out of his top corner as the visitors found their rhythm.

However, even he could do nothing about the chain of events which led to the opening goal with 27 min-



PAINFUL: Sunderland's Titus Bramble deflects the ball into his own net to hand Manchester United a 1-0 win at the Stadium of Light.

utes gone.

Van Persie picked up possession on the left side of the penalty area, but found himself confronted by Bardsley.

The striker patiently worked himself into a position to shoot, but when he unleashed his drive, it flew off Bardsley's boot on to Bramble's knee and inside the far post.

It was a devastating blow for the Black Cats, who had earlier seen appeals for a penalty for Rafael da Silva's challenge on Gardner waved away, and they visibly wilted as they sensed the game slipping away from them.

Van Persie forced a smart near-post save from Mignolet with a 38th-minute snapshot and then prompted him to tip over a fiercely-struck free-kick four minutes later with

the points seemingly there for the taking.

Sunderland mustered only two attempts of note, both from Gardner and both off his weaker left foot, but first Nemanja Vidic and then Chris Smalling made blocks.

The home side returned knowing they had to go for broke if they were to get anything out of the game, but United retained possession at will with the movement of Shinji Kagawa and Van Persie, and Michael Carrick's composure simply too much for their hosts, who were seeing too little of the ball to bring wide men Adam Johnson and James McClean into play.

However, the former Manchester City winger finally got the bit between his teeth with 59 minutes

gone when he burst into the penalty area.

His cross was blocked, but Bardsley latched on to the loose ball, only to fire harmlessly over the top.

The home side threatened once again seconds later when striker Danny Graham crossed from the right towards Stephane Sessegnon, who was only just beaten to the ball by substitute Jonny Evans.

The mood inside the Stadium of Light lifted instantly as Martin O'Neill's men belatedly forced United on to the back foot, but United held firm and Van Persie should have made sure deep into injury-time after Ashley Young had evaded Bramble's lunge and squared, but Mignolet made a remarkable stop to deny him.

LEAGUE 1 NEWS

A case of Job done for Howe

BOSS Eddie Howe praised his players for producing "one of our best performances of the season" after yesterday's 1-0 success at Colchester United.

Leading scorer Brett Pitman continued his fine form by netting the winner on 19 minutes to propel Cherries back into the automatic promotion places.

And Howe said: "If a 1-0 can be comfortable, it was. We had to hang on a little bit at the end when they bombarded our box with set-plays. But I don't think our goalkeeper really had a shot to save.

"I actually thought it was one of our best performances of the season. We dominated possession on a difficult surface and created numerous chances.

"We probably weren't clinical enough with them but that was probably the only criticism of the day.

"This isn't an easy place to come and Colchester have got some good players, but we looked by far the most dominant side."

Lewis Grabban, Marc Pugh and Harry Arter all came close to extending the advantage but Cherries were not left to rue missed opportunities as a defence led by fit-again captain Tommy Elphick helped complete a hat-trick of 1-0 away wins.

Reflecting on that run, Howe added: "The back four have been very good, our goalkeeper has been good and they have been well protected. We are going to need to keep clean sheets to be a successful team. We have ground out some 1-0 victories on the road and that is a great scoreline."

One point suits Guy

PORTRUSH boss Guy Whittingham had nothing but praise for his players after they were denied a third straight win by a spectacular late equaliser from Preston's Keith Keane.

Pompey had taken an early lead when Jed Wallace poked home his third goal in as many games and looked likely to secure another priceless win in their fight to escape relegation to League 2.

However, Keane's 77th minute volley sent Whittingham's side home with just a point.

"It is a point gained," Whittingham said.

"The lads battled against everything that Preston threw at us and it took a good goal to beat our goalkeeper.

"Everybody could see we weren't playing at our best but defensively we were dogged.

"Overall, coming away to Preston and taking a point, you'd be quite pleased with that."

Wigan eye another great escape

Wigan 1 Norwich 0
WIGAN'S survival bid gathered pace as Arouna Kone's goal nine minutes from time made it three wins in a row for Roberto Martinez's side.

Last season a point at Carrow Road in March provided the impetus for the Latics to win seven of their

last 10 games and engineer another great escape - and the latest three points lifted them out of the Barclays Premier League's bottom three.

Wigan were lacklustre for an hour but the threat on the Norwich goal grew and grew and, after Antolin Alcaraz had seen a header

cleared off the line, it was Kone who fired home from the edge of the box.

Martinez stuck with the same side that beat Newcastle two weeks ago, which meant a second Premier League start for striker Callum McManaman.

The 21-year-old has been

at the centre of a furore following his knee-high tackle on defender Massadio Haidara, which went unpunished both during the game and subsequently.

Wigan have been unhappy with the vilification of their player and it looked like an ankle injury might keep him out of the spotlight, but he

recovered in time.

Martinez's selection meant number one goalkeeper Ali Al Habsi and captain Gary Caldwell again had to settle for spots on the bench, while Norwich were forced into one change with Lee Camp taking his place in goal for the suspended Mark Bunn.

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NEW JOB: Former Saints boss Nigel Adkins was unveiled as the new manager of Reading this week and, below, Adkins' replacement Mauricio Pochettino.



IT'S been a week of conflicting emotions for the fans of Southampton football club.

On one hand it's been three years to the week that Saints won the Johnson's Paint Trophy, the piece of silverware that ignited the club's staggering rise back to the Premiership.

People may mock the JPT, but it's something of a rarity in English football these days: a real, honest footballing competition that anyone can win, or at least get a day out at Wembley.

It's what football is all about. That one moment you can tell your kids or your grandkids of the day you played at the home of football.

The JPT was probably one of the most important moments in Saints' history in so

much as it marked a rebirth. After dropping sensationally from grace it marked a massive reversal in fortune.

But whilst the JPT may bring back great memories, the news that Nigel Adkins has been appointed as the new manager at Reading brought back sad memories for me.

Sad in so much as a good man left a great club in rather shabby circumstances.

Be honest, really honest: weren't you devastated when Adkins accepted the Reading post?

Put the bravado to one side, is there anyone out there who didn't feel a twinge of regret that Adkins would be facing his old club so soon after his departure? And Reading

of all clubs? One thing can be certain, it will provide the tabloid media with a virtual feeding frenzy as the Reading game is televised on Sky.

It's one of the more annoying aspects of Adkins' departure that the media leapt on Saints but seemed to conveniently ignore Brian McDermott's sacking from Reading, which made even less sense than Adkins' sacking and had the added bonus of them not having a replacement at hand.

Of the two departures, surely McDermott's made the least sense from a club perspective.

At least with Saint's decision there was a plan.

Pochettino's appointment caused a furore amongst the pundits, how could the club have another manager waiting in wings?

But the real question should be how could the club not have someone

waiting in the wings?

Every club should have a replacement ready when they look at dismissing their manager, anything else would be gross mismanagement.

The truth is, when it's not your club it's easy to be critical.

If you're not a Saints fan it's brutal and classless. If you are a Saints fan then it's sound business sense and avoids you looking like Wolves did when they sacked Mick McCarthy and Reading did when they got knocked back by Gus Poyet.

It's all down to your own perspective.

Time will hopefully show Adkins' departure in a better light as Pochettino takes Southampton football club to the next level, but it doesn't stop every Saints fan fully expecting new manager syndrome to kick in and for Reading and Adkins to get a result against Saints.

Me, I fully expect Reading to play 4-4-2, be a goal up, have a few baffling substitutions late on and then lose 3-1. But then again, I'm just plain mean...



Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

MOVING to the foot of the table, we have QPR, whose appointment of Harry Redknapp and subsequent spending spree has only worsened their predicament.

Survival seems a long way off following their recent loss to Aston Villa and, worse still, the future of the club may be drawn into question should they drop down to the Championship.

For all the glowing words that have been heaped on the

owner, Tony Fernandes, it will be a true test of his character in how he reacts should they be relegated.

It is the next five matches, starting with Monday's trip to Fulham, that will either make or break their season, as they face both Wigan and Reading in the coming weeks.

Can 'Harry Houdini' pull off a great escape once again? Only time will tell, but the



JUST above QPR are Reading, with only the number of goals they have scored separating them from last place.

The outlook is rather bleak at the Madejski Stadium, with five losses on the trot putting them seven points from safety ahead of today's trip to Arsenal.

That visit to the Emirates lays in store for new manager Nigel Adkins, who has been brought to the club in a

last-ditch hope of staving off relegation.

History is not on the side of the former Saints boss.

Nine clubs in the relegation zone have changed managers at this time of the season before, and none have survived the drop.

Perhaps it was with this in mind that Adkins got the appointment, with his ability to win promotion well proven during his time with Southampton.



Six threatened – but Saints should survive

Relegation roller coaster

FOLLOWING this week's international break, we enter the final stretch of the season and, with things all but settled at the top, perhaps it is time to reflect on events at the bottom.

Six clubs remain in danger of falling through the trapdoor, although some face a much harder task to maintain their Premier League status than others.

Going into today's matches, Saints were four points clear of safety, having picked up an impressive win against Liverpool two weeks ago, in what was one of their best performances of the season so far.

The high pressing game that has proved so successful on the continent has been implemented at St Mary's by Mauricio Pochettino and is already starting to take shape.

There remain some frailties at the back, but as it stands I am confident we will be playing Premier League football next term.

HAUNTED: The managers who, along with Saints boss Mauricio Pochettino, main picture, face an anxious run-in to the end of the season, are, clockwise from the top left: Harry Redknapp, Nigel Adkins, Paul Lambert, Martin O'Neill and Roberto Martinez.

PERENNIAL relegation battlers Wigan remain in the drop zone, but their recent form suggests they will once again claw their way out and live to fight another day.

Roberto Martinez's side have a knack of finding their best form when they are backed into a corner, and they have done just that in the past two seasons.

In 2010/11, they picked up 15 points from their last 10

matches to finish 16th, but it was last season that was truly remarkable.

Having only managed five points from their first 11 games, they appeared certain to go down at Christmas.

But no one could have imagined the form they would exhibit over their final 10 games, as they rattled off away wins at Liverpool and Arsenal, while also knocking over Manchester United at home, as they took 22 points out of a possible 30, securing their safety with a 1-0 win at Blackburn.



NOW we come to Sunderland, whose recent poor form has seen them slip down the table.

Looking at their run-in, Martin O'Neill must be a very worried man. This weekend's clash with Manchester United is followed by a trip to Stamford Bridge, to face Chelsea. Then they take on

Newcastle in a Tyne-Wear derby of epic proportions.

They will do all of this without the services of top scorer Steven Fletcher.

Such has been the Scot's impact on Sunderland's season that they would be bottom of the table and nine points from safety if it wasn't for his vital goals.

The relegation battle could very well go down to the final day, as it so often does, but should QPR and Reading not turn their form around quite drastically, they could find themselves consigned to the Championship quite quickly.

It is all set for a thrilling end to the season, so sit back and enjoy the ride.

TEETERING on the edge of oblivion, we have Aston Villa, whose form in recent weeks suggests this particular group of youngsters might just have the potential to stay up.

Manager Paul Lambert has experienced a difficult first year at the helm.

With an unwavering faith in youth, it has proven to be a steep learning curve for the former Norwich manager.

While Villa have played some great football at times, they have been quite shambolic at others.

Victory in their most recent matches represented the first back-to-back wins for the club since May 2011.

The nature of the opposition made the wins all the more crucial, extending their cushion over QPR and Reading with come-from-behind successes in a pair of proverbial six-pointers.



Saints Spotlight



SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13



AUGUST

Sun 19 Man City	A	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1	Sharp**
Sat 25 Wigan	H	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon 1	Rodriguez	Lambert	Sharp*** 1	W-Prowse* 1	Chambers**	Hoskins***
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2)	A	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lee 1				

SEPTEMBER

Sun 2 Man United	H	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana**	Lambert** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
Sat 15 Arsenal	A	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon*	Lallana	Lambert***	Ramirez**	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa	A	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Mayuka**	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3)	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	De Ridder	Rodriguez** 2	Rodriguez 1	Reeves*	Reeves**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton	A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***

OCTOBER

Sun 7 Fulham	H	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
Sat 20 West Ham	A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert*	Mayuka**	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 2	Reeves*	Reeves**	Reeves***

NOVEMBER

Tues 5 West Brom	A	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Lallana	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Shaw***
Sat 10 Swansea	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon 1	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert*** 1	Fox*		
Sat 17 QPR	A	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon*	Ramirez	Lambert*	Lambert*** 1	S Davis*	Fox**	Rodriguez***
Sun 25 Newcastle	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	Hooiveld***
Weds 28 Norwich	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	Rodriguez***

DECEMBER

Sat 1 Liverpool	A	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**
Sat 8 Reading	H	W 1-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork***	Puncheon 1	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert	Do Prado**	Do Prado***
Sat 22 Sunderland	H	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon*	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert 1	S Davis**	De Ridder***
Weds 26 Fulham	A	D 1-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	Do Prado**	Do Prado***

JANUARY

Tues 1 Arsenal	H	D 1-1	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Do Prado***	Ramirez** 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**
Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3)	H	L 1-5	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Rodriguez 1	Do Ridder*	Do Ridder***
Sat 12 Aston Villa	A	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	S Davis**	Chaplow**
Weds 16 Chelsea	A	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Ramirez***
Mon 21 Everton	H	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Rodriguez 1	Rodriguez 1	Lallana*	De Ridder***
Weds 30 Man United	A	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Rodriguez 1	Rodriguez 1	Fox*	Shaw***

FEBRUARY

Sat 2 Wigan	A	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne**	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez*	Lambert 1	S Davis*	Rodriguez**
Sat 9 Man City	H	W 3-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon** 1	Rodriguez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	W-Prowse**
Sun 24 Newcastle	A	L 2-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	W-Prowse***

MARCH

Sat 2 QPR	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez** 1	Lambert 1	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	
Sat 9 Norwich	A	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert	Do Prado**	
Sat 16 Liverpool	H	W 3-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld*	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	Do Prado***	
Sun 31 Chelsea	H															

APRIL

Sat 6 Reading	A															
Sat 13 West Ham	H															
Sat 20 Swansea	A															
Sat 27 West Brom	H															

MAY

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Sun 12 Sunderland	A															
Sun 19 Stoke	H															

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PAULO GAZZANIGA	9	0	2	0	11	0	DAN SEABORNE	0	0	3	0	38(15)	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	17(10)	4	2	3	19(10)	7
ARTUR BORUC	13	0	1	0	14	0	STEVE DE RIDDER	0(5)	0	2	0	12(32)	4	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	1(6)	0	1	0	2(6)	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	26	1	0	0	26	1	RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(2)	0	3	0	50(13)	5	GASTON RAMIREZ	18(4)	4	0	0	18(4)	4
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	50(4)	0	DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11	BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
FRAZER RICHARDSON	2(3)	0	2	0	57(11)	0	JACK CORK	20	0	2	0	88(8)	0	TADANARI LEE	0	0	2(1)	1	7(5)	2
DANNY FOX	10(5)	1	0	0	49(9)	1	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	29	5	1	0	160(28)	8	SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
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Non-league Action



SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE CUP FINAL
ALRESFORD TOWN 4 BROCKENHURST 1
Alresford Town: Steve Phillips, Chris Manning, Joe Wright, Stuart Green, Stuart Mott, Lee Wood, Suhael Odeh (Dan Strange, 86), Simon Everett, Zach Glasspool, Warren Bentley (Steve Harding, 88), Dominic Cope (Ashley Ledger, 86). Subs (not used): Dan Edwards, Mike McEnery.
Brockenhurst: Scott O'Rourke, Jordan O'Donnell, Ben Sullivan, Darren Ritchie, Dave Marden, James Vinton, Warren Kenna (Carlo Tate, 75), Declan Edwards, Richard Morse (Jamie Rogers, 64), Dan Maher (Kevin James, 86), Mark Barker. Subs (not used): Tom Man, Mark Clements.
Referee: Dan Berry (Fareham).
Attendance: 292



CUP COMES TO TOWN!

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THE MAGNIFICENT Magpies of Alresford Town had home-grown inspiration behind their biggest ever cup triumph.

Warren Bentley, who grew up locally, still lives in the town and works at nearby Perins School, scored twice yesterday as Alresford finally stopped Division One giant-killers Brockenhurst in their tracks with a 4-1 Sydenhams League Cup final victory at Hurn Bridge.

With Brock – last season's beaten finalists – having already dumped a quartet of top-flight clubs out of the competition, Premier Division top dogs Alresford knew they were in for a fight.

And it was John Pyatt's underdogs who took the early initiative, unsettling the Alresford defence from the off.

After Town's Zach Glasspool had tested Brock skipper Scott O'Rourke with a shot on the turn, Alresford keeper Steve Phillips did well to beat away Warren Kenna's fierce drive before Mark Barker lashed the rebound into the side netting.

Stuart Mott headed wide and O'Rourke saved at Suhael Odeh's feet as Alresford responded, but it was Brock who deservedly got their noses in front on 24 minutes when Kenna delivered a corner, Dan Maher's shot rebounded off the post and former Team Solent striker Declan Edwards slotted home.

O'Rourke did his utmost to protect that lead, bril-

liantly clawing away Stuart Mott's header from Bentley's 31st-minute corner.

But, as Alresford began turning the screw, they had a strong penalty shout turned down for Jordan O'Donnell's challenge on Bentley.

Seconds later Brock felt goalscorer Edwards had been fouled in front of their dugout but, as play contin-

ued, Bentley cut the ball back for Dominic Cope to rifle a deflected effort into the bottom corner.

Phillips saved well from Edwards early in the second

half, but the longer the game progressed, the more Alresford's superior fitness and movement shone through.

With Simon Everett pulling the midfield strings, Brock were increasingly chasing shadows and, as tends to be the way with Alresford these days, one goal was quickly followed by another two.

Bentley nudged the Magpies ahead on 75 minutes after Glasspool's left-wing cross had created havoc at the near post. And the 22-year-old struck again five minutes later with a looping effort set up by Odeh.

That should have been punishment enough for Brock, who had not conceded en route to the final. But, to rub salt in the Badgers' wounds, substitute Ash Ledger dinked a cheeky fourth over O'Rourke in the 88th minute after another assist from that man Bentley.

The former Winchester City youth player, voted man-of-the-match, reflected: "Brockenhurst came out of the blocks quickly but, as we settled down, our passing and football got stronger.

"We needed goals to give us confidence and, as Brock's heads dropped a bit, the space opened up."

Alresford's Danny Robinson, who plotted Brock's downfall along with proud co-boss Tim Cole, smiled: "It's the first major trophy the club's ever won and that's purely and simply down to the hard work of the players.

"We expected Brock to come out early doors and get in our faces, but we've got a fit, young and technically good side and we knew we could get on top if we started passing the ball like we can."

Defeated Brock boss John Pyatt said: "We worked hard and did ourselves justice today, so fair play to my lads.

"But Alresford are where they are for a reason. Their movement's very good and in the last 20 minutes we couldn't live with them."



PICTURES: Paul Collins.

CELEBRATIONS: Warren Bentley, right, has scored.
Above: It's Alresford's cup!

Order nos: 16153756 (top) and 16153721 (above).



Stags misery

Bedford Town 4 AFC Totton 1
TOTTON endured another miserable away day as they fell to defeat and had Baily Cargill red carded.

The Stags went behind in the 12th minute when Steve Kennibrough's corner reached Nick BEASANT whose powerful header flew into the roof of the net off the hand of keeper Gareth Barfoot.

Totton levelled seven minutes later following a trip on Mike GOSNEY who then fired the resultant spot kick past Eagles skipper Ian Brown.

But from 33 minutes the hosts regained the lead as Eugene LIEBERCCI's superb 30-yard strike beat the outstretched Barfoot. Then, with the second half just five minutes old, Bedford scored again when a deflected ball across goal fell kindly into the path of Jamaine IVY, who slid the ball home past Barfoot.

Totton were reduced to ten men following Cargill's dismissal for abusive language and in the final minutes Nat PEACOCK added a fourth for the home side when he fired in from close range.

Port stunned

Gosport 0 Arlessey Town 1

GOSPORT suffered their first defeat in 24 league games as they succumbed to a strong Arlessey Town 1-0 at Privett Park in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

It was a lively first-half as both sides had opportunities in the opening 20 minutes. Firstly it was the visitors as Aston Goss found himself one on one with Nathan Ashmore only for the home keeper to save expertly with his feet, *writes Ryan Day*.

Gosport began to find their form of late as they stepped up a gear in an attempt to break the deadlock.

Firstly Rory Williams and Dan Woodward wasted good chances as the visitors remained resolute, holding off wave after wave of Gosport attacks.

The second-half started off very much the same with both Williams and Sammy Igoe both going close.

The hosts couldn't break down a strong Arlessey back four even with the arrival of top goalscorer Justin Bennett from the bench.

With just seven minutes remaining the visitors stunned Borough as a free-kick into the box fell to Chris DILLON who swivelled before firing past Ashmore to clinch an amazing three points.

Glee for Dorch

EX-SAINT Jamie Gleeson made his 300th appearance for Dorchester Town on Tuesday night – and celebrated in style.

The Magpies turned in a top-notch team performance to see off Farnborough Town 2-0 in the Blue Square Bet South.

With Ashley Nicholls out, Gleeson and Lewis Morgan ran the game from midfield.

"We were always going to miss a player of Ashley's quality, but Gleeson took on his mantle and came into his own," said manager Phil Simkin.

The boss also gave high praise to defender Steve Walker who scored on his debut.

Simkin's Magpies were due to host Staines today before visiting Richard Hill's Eastleigh on Easter Monday (3pm).

Teen Town ace

LYMINGTON Town boasted a 16-year-old goalscorer in Tuesday's 1-1 draw against Sydenhams Premier title favourites Blackfield & Langley.

Kieron Parrett – son of Town boss Andy Leader's former right-hand man, Gary – has joined the Southampton Road club following his release from the Saints Academy.

"Kieron's a striker but we played him just off the frontman against Blackfield," said Leader. "He's got good, happy feet and he's going to be a hell of a player when he fills out."

Non-league Football

Non-league News

Haskell hat-trick

VERWOOD Town gave themselves some healthy breathing space over the Sydenhams Premier's bottom five by blitzing Hayling United 5-0 at Potterne Park on Wednesday.

Mike Haskell hit a hat-trick and former Romsey striker Ryan Long (pictured) – returning to the side after a spell out through work commitments – scored the other two.



"The two of them played up front together and did well," said Potters coach Andy Darnton. "Hopefully we should have Ryan more regularly available now."

The down side for Verwood is that dual-signed defender Matt Oldring has been recalled by his parent club AFC Totton to cover for suspensions to Ross Bottomley and Ryan Hill.

Gong time for Sholing
SHOLING have been belatedly named as the Southern One South & West 'team of the month' for January.

Dave Diaper's Boatmen had a storming start to the year, racking up four straight leagues wins against Winchester City, Shortwood, Wimborne and Abingdon and also beating Wimborne in the Red Insure Cup.

Jamal joins Bashley
A SECOND former AFC Bournemouth youngster has joined Southern Premier outfit Bashley following his release by Cherries.

Jamal Bajandou was named on the bench, alongside fellow ex-Bournemouth trainee Alex Moth, for Bashley's 0-0 draw at Bideford last Saturday.

Bournemouth-born Bajandou – better known as Jamal – joined Wimborne Town following a spell playing in Saudi Arabia.

He trained with the Cherries youth squad while awaiting international clearance to play for Wimborne and signed for Bournemouth's development squad in May last year. Bajandou was introduced off the bench for his Bash debut at Bideford and was named in the starting line-up for Tuesday's 4-2 defeat at Hemel Hempstead Town.



Bashley's move to New Milton a step closer

BASHLEY'S move to New Milton took another significant step forward when both clubs overwhelmingly passed the proposal at their respective extraordinary general meetings.

Bashley have been in negotiation with the Linnets over relocating to Fawcett's Field in the summer with the club being renamed Bashley New Milton, **writes ANDY MITCHELL**.

The plan is for the club to retain Bashley's current standing in the Southern League Premier Division with New Milton dropping out of the Sydenhams Wessex League.

The newly-named outfit would sport new club colours and crest, although both parties have been keen to distance themselves from calling it a merger as FA rules state that merged clubs should take the place of the lowest club in the National League System.

Bashley members voted in favour

of the alliance by 25 votes to two, while New Milton chairman John Breaker said the motion was passed by around 90 per cent of Linnets members.

Richard Millberry, the Bashley chairman, said: "We are pleased it went through and the majority indicates the positivity around the move following an enlightening discussion.

"Six life presidents attended, which shows how important it was to people who have held the club dear to their hearts for many years."

Bashley are now waiting on FA permission for the name change and planning permission from New Forest District Council to make the necessary improvements at New Milton's Fawcett's Field headquarters.

However, New Milton chairman Breaker reiterated that his club would continue in the Sydenhams

League next season should the move not be passed.

Breaker said: "The deadline for us to resign without penalty is March 31 and there are a host of difficulties that come along with that."

"The meeting went reasonably well and was better attended than I thought."

"But if the name change and planning permission are not ratified, then it would be dead in the water."

"We want this move to happen because we feel it is in the interest of football in the area."

"But if it doesn't, then we will still be a Wessex League club next season."

Breaker added: "There have been a few suggestions that we will be going out of business, but that could not be further from the truth."

"We need a decision as soon as possible so everyone knows what they are doing."



JOHN BREAKER

THE LONG GOODBYE

Kemp admits season is 'dragging on'

FRUSTRATED BY THE WEATHER:
Christchurch boss Graham Kemp.



WHEN Graham Kemp agreed to stay on as Christchurch manager until the end of 2012/13, he hadn't reckoned on such a stop-start finale.

With the weather playing havoc with the fixtures, Priory headed into the Easter weekend with 13 league games still to play.

It was back in December that Kemp announced his intention to step down from the Hurn Bridge hot-seat after five-and-a-half fruitful years in charge.

But Priory were unsuccessful in their attempts to find a suitable replacement, so the 47-year-old – the most successful manager in the club's history – agreed to see the season out.

Little did he know at the time that Britain would still be in winter's steely grip come the end of March!

"The most frustrating thing is lack of matches and it does feel like the season's dragging on a bit," Kemp confessed.

"I wouldn't mind if we could get our teeth into a run of games, but it's not happened and I must admit I'm looking forward to the end of the season and I think the lads are too."

Much as Kemp would love to have taken his leave from Hurn Bridge with Christchurch crowned champions, realistically that doesn't look like happening.

"I think it's between Alresford and Blackfield now," he said.

"We've still got some tough games to play against Moneyfields (today), Alresford, Hamble, Bemerton and Downton and we're probably looking at finishing between third and fifth."

"We were third last season and I'd like to try and match that."

"It would have been nice to have moved on this year, but we fell away a bit before Christmas and it hasn't gone quite as planned."

"The weather hasn't helped, but we can't use that as an excuse because it's been the same for everyone."

"Finishing third to fifth would still represent another great season for us. Over the last four or five seasons we've finished eighth or above and we've proved ourselves to be one of the best clubs in the league."

"The trouble at Christchurch is that it's difficult to get that extra one or two per cent that would turn us into champions and that's really why I'm leaving."

"We can't strengthen around Christmastime like other clubs. At a time when we need to bring one or two players in, we tend to lose one or two and that's been the story of Christchurch."

Priory missed their last chance of knocking out silverware on Tuesday when they lost 4-2 after extra-time at Gosport Borough in the Russell Cotes Cup semi-final.

But it was an heroic effort by Kemp's men who fell behind to a Justin Bennett goal in the 52nd minute but responded just three minutes later when skipper Mark Smith rounded off a cleverly worked free-kick.

Russell Cook slammed the visitors in front in extra-time, but Borough's Southern Premier class shone through as ex-Saint Tom Dunford, Adam Wilde (penalty) and Bennett's second sealed victory for Alex Pike's men, who now host Lymington Town in the April 9 final.

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Non-league Football

HAWKS SIGN PELE



EX-SAINT Pele was one of two new signings unveiled by Havant & Waterlooville this week.

The experienced, 34-year-old Cape Verde Islands international – full name Pedro Miguel Cardoso Monteiro – has joined the Hawks from Blue Square Bet South rivals Hayes & Yeading.

After starting his career in Portugal, Pele, pictured, joined Southampton in July 2006 for a fee believed to be in the region of £1m.

The centre back/defensive midfielder went on to make 37 appearances before joining West Bromwich Albion for £1m on a two-year contract the following year. From there he moved to Falkirk, Milton Keynes Dons, Northwich Victoria, Huddersfield and Hayes & Yeading, where he played 19 games.

Pele is joined at Westleigh Park by 19-year-old Kieron Weekes, who has signed for the Hawks on a dual registration with Molten Spartan South Midlands League side Welwyn Garden City.

A right-footed winger who can play on both flanks, Weekes was originally on youth terms with Chelsea before moving to north London outfit Barnet as a scholar.

He spent time on work experience with Ryman Division One North club Ware last season before being released by the Bees at the end of the campaign.

Weekes has since scored 15 goals in 30 games for Welwyn Garden City.

“Because of injuries Kieron has found himself playing lower-league football and is coming to us until the end of the season,” explained H&W boss Lee Bradbury.

Hawks continued their recent hot run of form with a 2-1 win over Maidenhead on Tuesday.

DOM: WE’LL TAKE TITLE FIGHT TO THE WIRE



TEAM Solent coach Dominic Cunliffe has predicted the Sydenhams One promotion chase will go down to the wire.

After missing out on a second consecutive promotion to the Premier Division last season, Solent have again climbed to the upper reaches of the league, writes **GARY PETERS**.

Heading into Easter they sit in third, level on 49 points with Brockenhurst and Cowes Sports, who are first and second respectively.

Cunliffe, pictured above, said: “It’s nice and refreshing to have a five-horse race (for the title). Petersfield Town are only four points away, so I think it will go down to the very end. It will be very interesting, but I think some teams will come unstuck.

“All are susceptible to a draw or loss along the way, which might give others a little bit of a sniff. But, if we keep winning, I’ll be more than happy.”

Securing the needed wins will have to be done away from Test Park, however, as Solent have played all but one of their scheduled home games.

That didn’t prove to be an issue in Tuesday night’s 1-0 win at Ringwood Town as

Solent ground out the result. It was a gritty performance and Cunliffe says the team have adopted a change in attitude.

“This time last year we had a wobble and fell behind others. Everyone is switched on and they have learned an awful lot,” he explained. “They are seeing the games out, and even though it might not be pretty, we’re getting the three points.

“We scored with 20 minutes to go (against Ringwood). Previously, we may have been gung-ho and kept trying to push for another goal, but you don’t necessarily need 4-0 or 5-0 wins every week.”

Cunliffe stated that the hunger shown by the team has been a contributing factor to the success, and he has even had to warn against over-training.

“They train exceptionally hard and I’m pulling them off the training field telling them they have to go home. ‘They’re young lads who want to play and play. As long as we keep going and putting ourselves in that window of opportunity, we’ll get the rewards that we deserve.’

Team Solent have six matches remaining and travel to promotion rivals Petersfield Town on April 13.

Gill's perfect timing

EXPERIENCED campaigner Kevin Gill was set to hand Wimborne Town a timely boost by declaring himself fit for the busy Easter programme.

Gill, who starred for the Magpies during the first half of the Southern One South & West season, has been sidelined for five weeks since suffering knee ligament damage in training.

The versatile 29-year-old hit the come-back trail and made a goalscoring return for Wimborne’s reserves in their 5-2

Wyvern Combination League victory over Bemerton Heath Harlequins last weekend.

The Magpies were due to visit Cinderford Town today before hosting Winchester City at Cuthbury on Easter Monday (3pm).

Wimborne boss Steve Cuss said: “Kevin picked up a nasty knee injury and suffered a bit of ligament damage.

“We have a busy weekend and it would be a boost for us if he is fit for both games.”

Non-league News

Williams’ new Us deal
FORMER Eastleigh and Salisbury City forward Marvin Williams, pictured below, is among a handful of players to have signed new contracts for Blue Square Bet South outfit Sutton United.

Williams, 25, was the first of many thoroughbred signings made by former Eastleigh boss Ian Baird last summer, but he struggled for a starting place following the arrival of Baird’s successor Richard Hill. He signed for Sutton towards the end of October and has since made 21 appearances for Paul Doswell’s Us, scoring four goals.



Spurs re-sign Cooper
SYDENHAMS One club Fleet Spurs have welcomed teenager Matt Cooper back to the fold.

Cooper made ten appearances for Spurs last season, having originally moved to Kennels Lane from Blue Square Bet South neighbours Farnborough, where he developed through their academy.

Scriven gets signed
EX-HAVANT & Waterlooville goalkeeper Kevin Scriven has found himself a new club.

Following his recent release from Sutton United, Scriven, pictured, has signed for Blue Square Bet South rivals Billericay Town.

Hampshire-based Scriven was signed by Sutton in the summer of 2009 after two seasons at Havant where he featured in the Hawks’ fairytale FA Cup journey to Liverpool. He had previously made about 100 appearances for Farnborough.

Ex-Stag joins Boreham
FORMER AFC Totton loanee Charlie Moore has signed for Eastleigh’s Blue Square Bet South play-off rivals Boreham Wood.

The 24-year-old came through the youth ranks at Woking from where he was loaned out to Totton during the 2009/10 season.

He’s joined Boreham Wood from Hampton & Richmond.

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Boss is Browne-d off
SIMON Browne admitted there had been "a few choice words" in the Hamworthy United dressing room following their comprehensive 4-0 Sydenhams Premier home defeat by Horndean last Saturday.

First-half goals from Aaron Fennemore and Dan Hayes put the visitors in the driving seat at the County Ground before Rob Lofters-Desport and Matt Andrews heaped more misery on the Hammers.

"It was as bad as the result suggests," said Hamworthy boss Browne, below. "I probably picked the wrong line-up and the guys that played would be the first to admit that they didn't perform and were beaten by a Horndean side that were up for the game more than we appeared to be."

"We were surprised because, after two weeks off due to postponements, I thought we would have been champing at the bit."

"We had a few choice words after the game and now we must move on. We will put it down as a bad day at the office."

While scoring four goals is not to be sniffed at, the most pleasing part for Horndean boss Dave Carter was keeping the back door tightly shut.

"Hamworthy weren't given a sniff of goal and to come away having kept a clean sheet was a credit to the quality of our defence," he said.

Terras missing Kyle
FORMER Saint Kyle Critchell has been sorely missed by Evo-Stik Southern Premier club Weymouth, according to assistant manager Matt Groves.

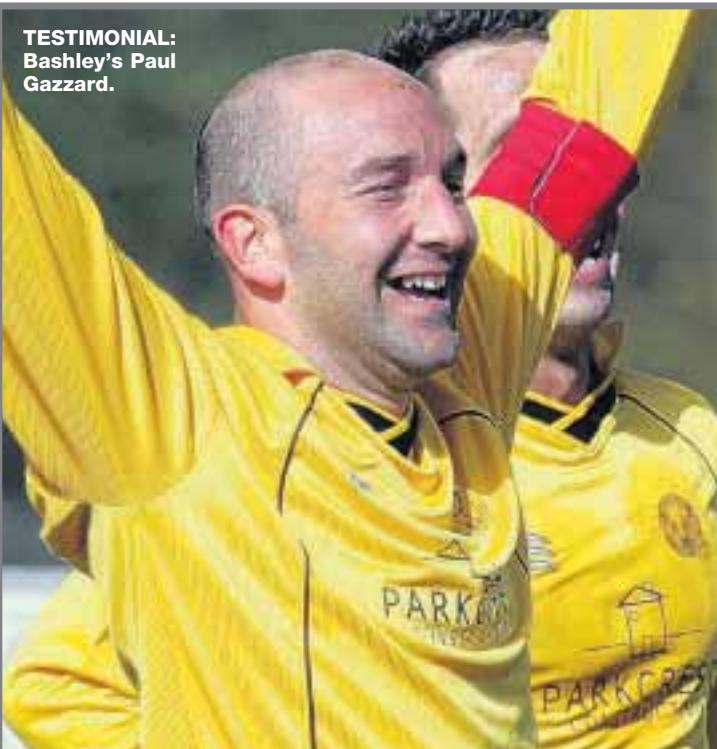
At first it looked as if the Terras could cope without the injured midfielder but, following successive defeats against Stourbridge (5-0, away) and Chesham (3-0, home), his absence is clearly being felt.

"Before Kyle got injured he was playing in central midfield and had just taken over the captaincy while Scott Walker was out," explained ex-Eastleigh striker Groves.

"His leadership and sheer presence in there were massive and, in that sense, I think the Stourbridge and Chesham games would have been ideal for him."

"We have certainly missed him, there is no doubt about that."

TESTIMONIAL:
Bashley's Paul Gazzard.



CAREER-ENDING INJURY COULD AFFECT HOWES FOR LIFE

HORROR INJURY:
Glenn Howes.



STRICKEN Glenn Howes has revealed how his everyday life has been turned upside-down since his non-League playing career was ended by an X-rated horror tackle.

The Poole Town midfielder sustained multiple injuries to his left leg when he was caught by Merthyr Town's Nathan Davies during a 2-2 Southern One South & West draw last month, writes NEIL PERRETT.

Although the tackle has drawn widespread condemnation, Howes has declined to comment publicly after confirming he was considering pursuing legal action against the South Wales club.

The 30-year-old, a leisure centre manager, has been unable to work since the incident and was told last week by a specialist that a playing comeback would be "near impossible."

"I have always been an active person and my job involves health and fitness. I like surfing and golfing, but I don't think I will be doing either for a very long time, if at all"

As a result, Howes reluctantly decided to bring an end to his 15-year career as a semi-professional which has included stints with the likes of Basingstoke, Salisbury, Gosport Borough and Newport IoW.

Howes, who will spend at least another six to eight weeks in a full leg brace, has to sit with his left leg elevated virtually 24 hours a day and has suffered deep vein thrombosis and a blocked blood vessel.

"As soon as it happened, I knew I was in trouble because of the instability in my knee," Howes recalled.

"Although I had prepared myself for a bit of bad news regarding the rehab and surgery, nothing prepares you for when someone says it will be near impossible to come back. I wasn't ready for that kind of news."

"It is a really complex injury and I am due to have another X-ray and scan at the end of April."

"There is a lot of muscle wastage and I can only flex my knee to

around 45 per cent. Other than that, the joint is locked."

"I have been told the possibility of osteoarthritis and arthritis in later life will increase ten-fold."

"I have always been an active person and my job involves health and fitness. I like surfing and golfing, but I don't think I will be doing either for a very long time, if at all."

"The past five weeks have not been an awful lot of fun. You lose your independence. I am not allowed to drive and am forever relying on other people for lifts. You take it for granted when you are fully mobile and think it will never happen to you."

Howes, who was keen to thank his employers Mill Chase for their understanding, has been inundated with messages of support from players and clubs.

"I have been overwhelmed," he said. "I knew what Poole was all about as a club and what a commun-

ty feel it had to it. But I have been blown away by the rest of the non-League fraternity."

"It has definitely lifted my spirits in the short-term."

Speaking of his "devastation" after learning of Howes' enforced retirement from football, Poole boss Tom Killick said: "I feel awful for Glenn as his career is over through no fault of his own. To have your football career ended prematurely is hard to take, but in those circumstances even more so."

"Glenn's a fantastic lad, not just as a player but as a person, and I believe he can become a great addition to the sport if he becomes a coach or a manager."

"As long as I am manager of Poole Town, there will always be a role for him at the club."

"That's not a decision made out of pity. He has truly warranted it by being a great professional and a fantastic person."

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JEKYLL AND HYDE ROMSEY WIPE OUT DEBT TO BARKER



WIN DOUBLE: Romsey Town's Danny Phillips, left.

SYDENHAMS Premier basement boys Romsey Town have shown both extremes of character this week.

Having plumb the depths in a miserable 4-1 defeat at Bournemouth Poppies last Saturday, Town pulled a top-drawer performance out of the bag to see off Fareham 2-0 at the Bypass Ground on Tuesday.

Danny Phillips netted both goals as Romsey ended a grim run of five straight league defeats and hauled themselves out of bottom spot at the expense of New Milton.

The only pity was that manager Danny Barker was absent through work commitments and missed a display that his assistant Carl Bennett rated even higher than Town's shock 3-1 win at then league leaders Downton in early January.

"The lads owed us a performance after Saturday and they gave us one," said Bennett.

"Everyone showed up from the first to last whistle and I couldn't pick a hole in anyone."

"Matt Parr, the Fareham manager, said afterwards that we were the better team - and we were."

"It's just a shame Danny wasn't there to see it because the lads owed him more than anyone."

"For me, I'd rate the performance above the Downton game because, whereas we took a battering for the first half-hour at Downton before getting into it, this time we were the better side from start to finish."

"We've got Totton & Eling coming up at home on Monday

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(noon) and, hopefully, if we go into that game with the same mentality, we can get something out of it."

"The Fareham game was Danny Phillips's first for a while for us because he's been playing for Riverside. He makes a difference and hopefully we'll keep hold of him for the rest of the season."

It had been a different story at Victoria Park last Saturday where Bournemouth boss Ken Vaughan viewed the 4-1 scoreline as a hollow victory for his side.

Poppies frontmen Scott Joyce and Martin Warren netted inside the opening 14 minutes, leaving Romsey with a mountain to climb.

Elliot Ward and Gareth Batchelor - an ex-Romsey player - then doubled the punishment before Town's spirited second-half showing was rewarded with a Jack Garner consolation goal four minutes from time.

Vaughan reflected: "We played reasonably well, to say the least. But, having said that, they are bottom and I think the stuffing has gone out of them."

"I didn't enjoy the game because it was pretty one-sided. It is sad when you play teams like that because they were so depleted. It is hard to get that cutting edge."

"We were on top for most of the first half and deserved to be leading 3-0 at the break."

"Romsey worked hard in the second half and did really well."

"The second half was a 1-1 draw and it was a shame they didn't play like that from the start because they may have got something from the game."

"We had to beat what was in front of us and we did that."

Bennett agreed: "The first half was as poor as we have ever been and it went from bad to worse."

"But we came out with the right attitude for the second half, played a lot better and carried that into Tuesday."

• NEW Milton remained three points adrift of Romsey in bottom spot after losing 4-1 at Totton & Eling on Wednesday.

The Linnets went in front through Danny Cox, but succumbed to goals from Dan Fox (2), Steve Jenkin and Craig Feeney as the Millers racked up their fifth straight league win.

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Slabbs' super strike
EX-EASTLEIGH striker Jamie Slabber sprang off the bench to clinch Chelmsford City a vital 1-0 victory over Tommy Widdrington's Eastbourne Borough on Monday.

With 16 minutes remaining, Slabber, pictured, scored a sensational winner against ten-man Eastbourne who had had Frankie Raymond - a former Eastleigh and Basingstoke loanee - dismissed on the hour.



Joe Wight delivered into the box and Slabber - back after suspension and a slight groin strain - controlled the ball brilliantly on his chest before slamming a shot past keeper Danny Potter. It was Slabber's 19th league goal of the season and one which keeps the Clares firmly established in a Blue Square Bet South play-off spot.

"Jamie's come on and Jamie did what Jamie does," said Chelmsford boss Glenn Pennyfather, who signed Slabber from the Spittires for an undisclosed fee in March last year.

"It was a great touch in the penalty area, he lost his marker and it was a fantastic finish. He's the best finisher in the league."

Hythe will thrive
BROCKENHURST boss John Pyatt predicts better things around the corner for beleaguered Sydenhams One rivals Hythe & Dibden.

Goals by Warren Kenna (pen), Darren Ritchie and Declan Edwards (pen) took Brockenhurst to the top of the pile on goal difference with a 3-0 midweek win over Hythe.

But the rock-bottom Waterside visitors put enough into the game to convince Pyatt that they will thrive under their newly-appointed manager Lee Burch.

"It was a hard game," said the Brock boss. "We hadn't played for 20-odd days and we had to get into the players at half-time to push them on a bit."

"Hythe worked their nuts off and I'm sure, with the side they've got now, they will do some damage."

Weather has made it a crazy season - Clarke

SALISBURY City boss Darrell Clarke says the unpredictable weather has turned 2012/13 into a "crazy season."

The Whites' bid to keep pace with Blue Square Bet South leaders Welling United suffered another setback last Saturday when their trip to Sutton United was postponed.

Coming a week after the half-time abandonment of their home game against Dover Athletic, it all adds up to a frustrating end to the campaign for Salisbury who have not

completed a match since beating Weston-super-Mare 3-0 on March 9.

"The lads are a bit disappointed because of the recent fixtures being cancelled, but last Saturday was always going to be a doubt because of the weather," said Clarke, pictured right.

"It has been a crazy season for fixtures, so we just have to get on with the rescheduled matches."

"It's something we're used to by now and I'm sure everyone else in the league is as well."

"The team has been working hard on the training pitch since our great performance at Weston."

Clarke, who has had a threadbare squad of late due to illnesses and injuries, says the majority of his team are now approaching full fitness.

"There are not too many serious injuries or concerns to worry about which is good," he said.

Following today's home game against Tonbridge Angels, Salisbury are due to visit Bath City on Easter Monday.



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Eastleigh holding scholarship trials

EASTLEIGH FC Academy are holding the second of four trials for their in-house scholarship this Tuesday (April 2).

The two-year course is a full-time education and football development programme for 16 to 18-year-olds to be delivered at the Silverlake Stadium in Stoneham Lane.

Aimed at helping talented young footballers make progress in their sporting careers while continuing their academic studies, the scheme combines academic studies with six hours of coaching by UEFA-qualified coaches and competitive fixtures in the Conference Youth Alliance League.

Not only does the Silverlake boast excellent training facilities, but there will be a dedicated classroom where players will study a variety of nationally recognised qualifications within the fields of sport, coaching and fitness.

The focus will be on a BTEC Level 2/3 Diploma in Sport (A Level equivalent), FA coaching qualifications and core skills in maths and English.

Successful completion of the programme will enable players to follow pathways into higher education at selected universities or to pursue employment opportunities in the sports and leisure industry, including coaching placements and scholarships in America.

Eastleigh have linked up with SCL, a further education and work-based training provider, who will be responsible for the management and delivery of the educational element of the Academy.

SCL currently work in partnership with sixth-form schools, further education colleges and football academies in the south of England and have over ten years' experience in delivering vocational and academic sports-based qualifications. Their team consists of highly-qualified and experienced teachers, assessors, verifiers and FA coach educators.

Both the football

and educational elements of the academy are fully funded and there is no charge to join the programme. There will be a subsidised cost for purchasing training kit at the start of the season.

The Eastleigh FC Academy has been running for six years and fields teams in the Conference Youth Alliance, the Hampshire Youth League, Suburban Premier Youth League and the prestigious FA Youth Cup.

Several home-grown Spitfires have already progressed to Football League clubs – including Aaron Martin (Saints), Brett Williams (Reading), Will Aimson (Hull City) and Josh Helm (Swindon Town) – and others are currently taking part in daytime training with manager Richard Hill's Blue Square Bet South squad.

The academy is run by UEFA-qualified coach Dan Wright, who oversees all youth football at the club, ensuring consistency throughout, from under-sevens to the reserves.

The coaching staff includes first-team striker Lee Peacock who has vast knowledge and experience to draw on from an impressive playing career with Swindon, Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City, Manchester City, Carlisle, Mansfield and Grimsby.

All potential academy students must attend trials as places will be offered on playing ability.

The remaining trial dates are April 2, April 11 and May 28, all at the Silverlake Stadium from 10am-12.30pm. To book a place register details at scl-online.co.uk.

For further information regarding the academy contact Dan Wright on 023 8061 3361 or email fic@eastleigh-fc.co.uk. To find out more about the education element ring Austin Harris, SCL programme manager, on 0845 644 5747, or email education@scl-online.co.uk.

SUCCESS STORY:
Aaron Martin.

Hill's unconventional path into Football League



LIFE EXPERIENCE: Eastleigh manager Richard Hill, inset, made DeLorean (main picture) car parts after his Leicester dream fell through.

RICHARD Hill is fully behind Eastleigh Academy's in-house scholarship scheme – even if his own route into the professional game was substantially different.

Having been told as a 14-year-old that Leicester City wanted to sign him, Hill, by his own admission, "wasted" the last two years of his school education.

But when, at 16, his Leicester dream fell through, he went and worked in an engineering factory until he was offered another trial by the Foxes 12 months later.

"Looking back, those days working in a factory were my motivation," said Hill, who went on to enjoy a long Football League career on both the playing and management sides.

"I worked making parts for the DeLorean Motor Company and I used to go in at eight in the morning when it was dark and come out at five in the evening when it was dark and I still think back to those days.

"It didn't work out for me at Leicester, but I'm living proof that if you don't get taken on by a pro club straight away, it's not a complete disaster.

"I went on to play for Nuneaton Borough in the Conference and got back into it that way.

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"One thing was for sure, I was never going to go back to that factory again, but it was certainly a life experience."

Those young players lucky enough to get onto Eastleigh's scholarship programme for 2013/14 are destined to tread a very different path to Hill, who made 170 Football League starts for Northampton Town, Watford and Oxford United.

Those who make the grade as players could well follow in the footsteps of ex-Eastleigh Academy graduate Aaron Martin who achieved his boyhood dream of signing for Saints.

But by combining football excellence with full-time education, the opportunity is also there to progress to university or move into the sports and leisure industry, including coaching placements and playing scholarships in America.

"I think what the Eastleigh Academy is doing is great," said Hill.

"The club are looking for alternative ways of attracting young players and tied into that

is an academic qualification.

"We can't all be top footballers and top managers, but if you get a qualification to go with it, you still gain something from the course."

Hill, who was assistant manager to John Gregory (Wycombe Wanderers and QPR), Brian Little (Aston Villa), Martin Wilkinson (Northampton Town) and Andy Hessenthaler (Gillingham), also coached at Reading.

And he believes the Royals should be Eastleigh's blueprint for bringing young players through.

"John Madejski bankrolled Reading for a number of years," said Hill. "His plans were always to make the club self-sufficient at whatever level, but he was always there as a benefactor if they needed £1m to bring a player in."

"At Eastleigh we've got Bridle Insurance and Stewart Donald as a benefactor at the moment but, ultimately, everything at this club has got to be self-sufficient. And one way of doing that is having a good scouting network and a good youth policy."

"I don't have an academic qualification to my name and I would have loved the opportunity to have done what the Eastleigh Academy is offering."

Bristow gives Town the hairdryer treatment

JASON Bristow had strong words for his Basingstoke Town players at the halfway stage of their 1-1 Blue Square Bet South draw at Bath City last Saturday.

The mid-table north Hampshire visitors trailed to an Elliott Chamberlain goal at half-time having put in a sluggish first 45 minutes.

But they turned things around after the break and deservedly levelled through Tim Sills late on.

The introduction of two ex-Eastleigh players, Jordace Holder-Spooner and Shaun

McAuley, helped turn the tide Basingstoke's way and it was Holder-Spooner who teed up the leveller when Bath keeper Jason Mellor could only palm his low shot into Sills' path.

"Our first-half performance was really disappointing," said Bristow.

"We have set high standards recently, but we did not live up to them."

"We had a bit of a go at the players during half-time."

"They had to know that they cannot afford to think they can just turn up for matches like this

and expect to win, no matter how well they'd done against the top sides."

"We were much better in the second half and did not get frustrated."

"We kept doing what we had been doing and got our reward. It was great to see Jordace Holder-Spooner and Shaun McAuley come off the bench and turn the game."

"It's just a shame we did not perform the way we know we can in the first half."

Bristow allowed his own frustra-

tion to show midway through the second period.

Having seen the assistant referee flag for offside against Manny Williams when the Basingstoke striker made no effort to go for the ball, the Town boss spoke out of turn to the official and was sent to the stands.

"It was frustration on my part because I felt there had been a few bad decisions from that assistant," said Bristow.

"But I have got to be better than that. I should not have got involved."



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IT'S TRUE! ENGLAND BEAT GERMANY ON PENALTIES

LOCAL goalkeepers Gareth True and Sam Webb played a starring role as England defeated Germany on penalties in the BSWW Bang Saen International Beach Soccer Cup in Thailand.

The victorious moment came when True, who plays for East Cowes Vics in the Sydenhams Wessex Division One, saved the decisive penalty to ensure the Three Lions prevailed 2-1 in the shoot-out, writes GARY PETERS.

Unlike traditional grass football, the beach game dispenses with the five penalty system in favour of sudden death, meaning the pressure is on from the start.

Roll-on subs are also permitted, giving both goalkeepers an equal chance to fend off the Germans.

"I felt confident," said True. "I stepped up to the first and they sent me the wrong way, but for the second I guessed right.

"As a goalkeeper, you're not really nervous. You can only be the hero. I always enjoy standing in that position, and it was one of the best feelings I've had in football."

Webb, who lives in Southampton and plays Saturday and Sunday league football for AFC Gulf Western and City Central respectively, said: "I wasn't nervous. The game was my 50th consecutive cap, so I was used to it. I was just doing my duty for my country."

"It was brilliant, the best experience, and it can't get any better than beating the Germans on penalties! The manager gave both of us an equal opportunity. The movement in the sand means you're not just playing against the opposition because it moves in all sorts of directions."

As such, preparing for penalties can be tough. Goalkeeping coach Steve Hollick, who also works at AFC Totton in the same role, said: "It's not something you tend to work on in beach soccer. We hadn't practised them much as it's very rare our games go to penalties. It just so happened that we managed to claw our way back into the match."



SUPER SAVERS: Sam Webb and, inset, Gareth True.

Pictures courtesy of Steve Hollick

HOW THE SPOT-KICK DRAMA UNFOLDED

Penalty shoot-out (England going first):

- 1-0 - Evans (thumped his shot to the right giving the keeper no chance)
- 1-1 - Weirauch (went to his left with True diving the other way)
- 1-1 - Day (chose to his right but so did the German keeper)
- 1-1 - A tactical move by head coach, Bowes saw Webb go in goal for the second penalty. Being much smaller than True, it may have tempted the German penalty taker Keppinho to try and smash the ball high into the roof of the net as he ballooned his aim high and over the bar.
- 2-1 - Mitchell, the last minute equaliser hero then strutted up to take his kick. Whilst the German keeper guessed the right way he could not get a hand on the ball.
- Last German pen: True parried it wide of the post to give England a 2-1 win on penalties

With beach games split into three equal 12-minute periods, England were 6-5 down in the third with time running out. However, Mark Mitchell slotted home to draw the game level and take it to extra time, although neither side could add to the goal tally in the three added minutes.

"We did it to put them off (changing the goalkeeper)," added Hollick. "Sam (Webb) was in goal when they missed their second, so

he played his part as well.

"It's a massive thing to beat them, especially after the first day was rained off because of a tropical storm. We had to play two games – against Thailand and Portugal – on the Saturday and then Germany on the Sunday (March 17)."

Despite the intensity of three matches in two days, Hollick explained how the players were "fearless" and "worked their socks off".

The round-robin tournament also saw a youthful England side gain valuable experience against some of the beach world's top-rated sides, and Hollick is hopeful it will be the springboard to better things.

"We are split into two groups – A and B. Germany have just joined A alongside the likes of Portugal and Switzerland," he added. "At the moment we're still in group B, but we want to improve. It's a big thing for us to beat group A side. In the circumstances and the conditions, it was a phenomenal effort."

"Hopefully it's the start of a really good phase for beach soccer. There are leagues popping up all over the place. There are efforts to get one in Poole, while the Isle of Wight league has been established for a number of years. It's quite southern orientated."

And, while the British weather is a hindrance to the growth of the sport, all England fans can celebrate a rare and long awaited victory.

Non-league News

Kayne hurts Eastleigh
EX-SAINT Kayne McLaggon made a bad evening worse for Eastleigh on Tuesday.

As if losing 3-1 at Tonbridge Angels wasn't hard enough to swallow for Richard Hill's promotion-chasing side, they learned that McLaggon had scored a hat-trick for Blue Square Bet South play-off rivals Weston-super-Mare in their 3-1 win at Sutton United. McLaggon took just five minutes to open his account and struck again on 23 minutes after a powerful burst forward. Ex-Spitfire Marvin Williams set up Dean Sinclair to pull Sutton back to 2-1 but, with the Us throwing everyone forward in search of a late leveller, McLaggon galloped a good 70 yards before beating 'keeper Tom Lovelock in stoppage time. Welshman McLaggon, 22, joined Salisbury City after being released by Saints and, from there, he returned to the professional game with Bristol Rovers.

After a loan spell with Tonbridge Angels, he joined Weston-super-Mare last September.

Lewis's ref rage
GE HAMBLE co-boss Dave Lewis would like to have given Alton Town the credit they deserved for Tuesday's 3-0 Sydenhams Premier win at Follands Park.

But he was so incensed with the way the game was refereed that he was in no mood to applaud the Brewers as goals by Steve Brown (2) and Scott Johnston sent the Planemakers crashing to a heavy defeat.

"On another occasion I'd like to have said 'well done' to Alton, but I couldn't because the game was destroyed by the referee," he fumed.

"I've seen better decisions made by my three-year-old playing Rubik's Cube."

"We had Ashley Jarvis hauled down and no penalty given and Alton's players were swearing at the referee the whole game even though he had given a directive beforehand that he wasn't going to tolerate bad language."

"In the end we lost our discipline because the refereeing was so atrocious and we had Liam Crook sent off after getting a second yellow for swearing."

"We also had Joe Bye shown a straight red, but the ref got the wrong player."



Dunford enjoying high life at Gosport

GOSPORT Borough midfielder Tom Dunford is enjoying the challenge of playing Southern Premier football and thinks Alex Pike's men can gain promotion to the Blue Square Bet South this season.

Dunford, pictured left, has established himself as a first-team regular under Pike this term and has played a major part in the club's sensational 23-game unbeaten league run, writes RYAN DAY.

The ex-Southampton trainee and Winchester City youngster is loving his time with Borough.

"It's been really easy to settle in here, the lads have been excellent and I'm really enjoying it," he said.

The 20-year-old was speaking after Gosport had booked their spot in the Russell Cotes Cup final with a 4-2 extra-time victory over Christchurch on Tuesday – a game in which he scored.

Having left Winchester at the beginning of the season to join Gosport, Dunford had a message for his former employees who are currently facing a bleak future.

"Winchester are a great club with some great people. I enjoyed it there and I hope they pull through," he said.

"But I'm at Gosport now and we are focusing on making the play-offs," he added.

Following today's scheduled home game against mid-table Arlessey, Gosport are due to visit Hampshire rivals AFC Totton on Easter Monday (3pm).

Gosport have lost twice at the Testwood Stadium this season in the FA Trophy and Hampshire FA Senior Cup, but they beat the Stags 1-0 in the league at Privett Park on Boxing Day thanks to a spectacular Justin Bennett goal.

"Everyone wants to end our run so we need to make sure we are prepared for that," said Dunford.

"Every win just breeds confidence within the team."



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COLDEN COMMON B, Southampton Sunday League six a side winners, April 1976. Back (from left) C Banford (secretary), G Cooper, R Long, M Dumper, B Cox. Front: K Dumper, A Randall, N Light.
Order no: 16148708



AC DELCO, April 1973. Back (from left): Pete Coady (manager), Dave Hoare, Tony Garrity, Steve Kensett, Vic Harvey, John Cassell, Dave Pack, Dave Armour. Front: Bob Croom, John Longmore, Bob Brown, Mick Farmer, Tony Misselbrook. Order no: 16148765



ANDOVER RESERVES, September 1977. Back (from left): F Gardner (trainer), Bliss, Dempsey, Burford, Ball, D Barlow (manager), Bradley, Terry. Front: Bates, Tahylor, Roach, Young, Emery, Ayling, King. Order no: 1614870861



ANDOVER, August 1975. Back (from left): M Woolford (manager), K J Stevens (secretary), P Gadsden, B Humphries, S Burson, S Berry (treasurer), M Williams, W Smith, M Burford, E Turner, R Bryden (director), F Wilkinson (director), J Smith (trainer). Middle: C Moss, J Loughran, R Hull, J Munro (chairman), A Moss (captain), A Smith, M GRubb, B Hayward, A Baker (director). Front: B Billen, A Davis. Order no: 16148751



MULLARD SPORTS, Hampshire League October 1973. Back (from left): R McCrisken, M Dear, T Sullivan, K Leadbetter, G Turner, M Charrett. Front: N Caruana, W Chafe, P Swift, P Kewley, P French, F Harrison. Order no: 16148748



MULLARDS FC, date unknown. Can you name the players? Order no: 16148741



NETLEY CENTRAL skipper Malcolm Ambrose receiving the Hampshire League Division 3 trophy from Hampshire FA president Jack Barter, April 1973. From left – Nigel Kent, Alan Croucher, Joe Harley, Dick Donohue, Mr Barter, Chris Queen, Tony Heaney, Pete Surman, Malcolm Ambrose, Ian Morgan, David Poole, Bobby Bell, Phil Janes. Order no: 16148737

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H.E ST JOHNS, Southampton Sunday League, 1975/76. Back (from left): R.Matcham, N.Howard (chairman), K.Rowe, (player/manager), G.Kew, T.Cook, J.Perren, M.Ryves, R.Symons-Shaw (secretary) Front: F.Hopkins, G.Puckett, A.Docherty, A.Davis, M.Hawkins, R.Ackland, A.Shelley. Order no: 6447833



WIMPSON, 1977/78. Back (from left): Mick Burdy, Dave Troon, Colin Taylor, Tom Moloney, Colin Thresher, Kevin Pugh, Pete Glasspool, Dave Morden, Colin Stickells (manager), Trevor Parker. Front: Alan Jones, Dave Stamp, Pete Wilson, Nigel Caruana, Wayne Chafe. Order no: 6447853



SARISBURY SOCIAL 1971/72. Back (from left): Sid Light (manager), Jim Burgess, Lester Hudson, Ben Jarvis, Tony Morgan, Roger Johns, Andy Black. Front: Gordon Cross, Colin Waterman, Steve Jerrim, Bobby Walker, Geoff Vivian. Order no: 6447856



WOOLSTON EX-SERVICEMEN, 1977/78. Back (from left): B Greedy, B Carr (manager), G Smith, F Hedges, T Porter, M Watson, R Burrows, B Wilkinson, K Porter, J Carr (secretary). Front: G Watson, F Coppini, C Edmonds (capt), G Collins, M.Wynn. Order no: 6447862



POST OFFICE FC 1977/78. Back (from left): D Neary, D Gatrell, P Davies, L Hill, P Crawford, D Hinton, D West. Front row: M Cross, D Campbell, M Smith, S Furmidge, K Trumper. Order no: 6447865



OAKLEY FC 1976/77. Back (from left): Keith Burch, Steve Palmer, Keith Palmer, Andy Dodd, Steve Goddard, Tony Misselbrook (manager), David Stamp, Paul Dent. Front: Wally Maitland, Joe Aftanas, Peter Glasspool, Micky Dear, John Smith, Keith Pugh, Wayne Chafe. Order no: 6447867



ANDOVER BRITISH LEGION 1973/74 Hampshire Sunday side. Back (from left): T. Evans, M. Scivier, D. Staff, D. Fowle, J. McGregor Smith, J. Hennessy. Front: B. Mayne, R. Dunney, G. Anderson, J. Redpath, P. Steadman. Order no: 6447333



Six-a-side team **LOWFORD VICS** in October 1975. Back (from left): S. Faulkner, B. Connor, C. Rafferty, P. Baxter (captain), B. Brown, G. Sharpe (manager). Front: J. Dymott, R. Poulton, B. Payne, M. Lickman. Order no: 6447338

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Southampton Sunday Premier Division side **HOUND UNITED** 1977/78. Back (from left): Steve McGrath, Nigel Kent (manager), Les Gattrell, Jeff Foyle, Bob French, Barry Morse, Colin Martin, Barry Joslyn, Harry Noyce (trainer). Front: Martin Gallop, Johnny Jupe, Brian Sims, Alan Croucher (capt.), Jeff Burnham, Dave Hillman. Order no: 6468348



HENDY LENNOX 1974/75. Back (from left): Charlie Judd (Trainer), Graham Death, Bill Russell, Bobby Elliott, Stu Colenutt, Bobby Judd, Brian Cann, Tony Taylor. Front: Eddie Hall, Roger Young, Richie Campbell, Maurice Hewlett, Les Foulds, Ray Richards. Order no: 6468354



The triumphant **HOLBURY '64** side pictured winning the Hampshire Sunday Intermediate Cup in May 1976. Back (from left): M. Poore, D. Bound, G. Dibden, M. Lemoignan, E. Richards, B. Cox. Front: R. Poore, C. Hosey, J. Oliver (capt.), L. Headley, M. Longhorn, M. Dear. Order no: 6468369



AC-DELCO'S Sunday League side 1974/75. Back (from left): P. Swift, P. Coady, G. Coupland, M. Geddes, S. Kensett, J. Lipscombe, A. Garrity, J. Mann, M. Morgan. Front: P. Baker, M. Farmer, D. Hoare, N. Caruna. Order no: 6468384



OLD SHIRLEY: Pictured here celebrating winning a trophy but we don't know what year or what trophy, or who the players are! Order no: 6468379



Sunday League side **OLD SHIRLEY** celebrate a Premier Division title and Roy Moroney Trophy double in May 1979. Back (from left): R. Kearslake (chairman), V. Hayter, S. Kirkland, M. Jennings (manager), D. Williams, J. Crabtree, B. Rose, M. Geddes. Front: S. Tubbs (trainer), P. Doswell, N. Beale, B. Witt, M. Gibbons, I. Watson, M. Russell. Order no: 6509406



SARISBURY WARLOCKS 1976/77. Back (from left): John Mitchell (manager), Adrian Keen, Peter Chase, Kevin Davies, Mick Richards, Steve Smith, Derek Gillett, Glyn Benstead, Burlie Smith (trainer). Front: Tim Rowe, Ian Bampton, Kevin Warrener (capt.), Andy Mitchell, Leon Smith, Jeb Barnes. 6509595



ROMSEY BRITISH LEGION, 1969/70. Back (from left): Terry Hazzard, Alan Jackson, Richard Bundy, Tony Moody (captain), Clive Culham, Ernie Pile, Alan Beavis. Front: Les Taylor, Adrian Peckham, Graham Henley, Bill Cunningham, Derek Steele, John Withnall. Order no: 6509619

1970S NOSTALGIA SPECIAL



Harefield Nomads, Southampton Sunday League Junior Division 2, December Order no: 6540182



DIMPLEX SPORTS 1971: Southampton Sunday Football League. Back row (from left): P Codey, R Palmer, J Longmore, R Linford, T Jewer, A Wilkins, G Burnett, D Baker (player-manager), D Coffen (secretary). Front: D Handley (captain), N Pelham, S Johnson, M Farmer, C Summers, A Evans. Order no: 6540184



BRENDON 1978: Brendon's annual presentation night winners: Back row (from left): D Sanders, G Day, M Sparkes, R Smith, I McKenzie, D Witt, B Coffin. Front: C Edmonds, T Bailey, M Hurst, M Ireland, M Baldwin, D Caplen, T Portelli. Order no: 6540156



BERRYWOOD 1977/8: Southampton Sunday League morning section Division 5 side. Back row (from left): C Smith, D Bastian, D Buss, P Lawrence, D Smith, R McKinlay, A Murray (manager). Front: G Soar, D Craddock, G Finn (capt), J Tubb, A England, E Bastian. Order no: 6540162



COLDEN COMMON RESERVES 1979: Winners of the Jean Miller Trophy. Back row (from left): K Dumper, R Long, K Kelly, I Steele, M Dumper (capt), J Curtis, M Shaw, C Jenvey. Front: J Vale, K Dixon, J Pringle, C Light. Order no: 6540178



HENDY LENNOX 1971: Back row (from left): C Judd (trainer), A Taylor, A Judd, B Backshell, B Cann, B Judd, D Budden (manager). Front: D Smith (capt), G D'Eath, B Doling, C Read, G Mattey. Order no: 6540149



PARK SPORTS 1976/7: Back row (from left): S Boston (manager), D Blake, I Clunie, C Bruijen, S Weller, J Boswell, M Boston, C Winter. Front: Nip (mascot), G Mabbett, G Black, D Pring, K Vaughan, K Andrews. Order no: 6540145



NORTH STONEHAM, after winning the Miller Trophy for the first time in May 1979. Back (from left): J Wardell, M Rust, R Hercock, S Mills, S Blaxhall, C Smith, R Gray. Front: C Kimber, R Sheehan, M MacNeish, B Cox, A Francis, G Bridle. Order no: 6509666

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ROAD-SEA, winners of the Southampton Sunday League six-a-side competition in April 1976. Back (from left): Tom Jewitt (trainer), Bob Byrne, Paul Baxter, Alan Judd, Peter Price (manager). Front: Steve Terry, Mick Swain, Ian Russell, Dickie Phillips.

Order no: 6509627



WESTON TRINITY 1974/75. Back (from left): Dennis Ball (manager), Brian Fisher, Eddie Fisher, John Light, Richard Buggins, Albert 'Wimpey' Sanger, Graham Gibbens, Steve Kingsnorth, Ian Saunders (secretary). Front: Martin Evans, Bobby Light, Terry Gerrard, Terry Cousens, Barry Craddock, Rodney 'Rocky' Garrett, Talbot Bligh. Order no: 6509637



TELEPHONE SPORTS 1974/75. Back (from left): George Pledger (manager), Terry Palmer, Bob Ray, Paul Maiden, Dave Barrett, Nigel Bevis, Dave McColl, Reg Gregory (trainer). Front: Rod Wilkins, Graham Bricknell, John Ely, Peter Davis, David Roles, Bryan Horner.



BRENDON 1978/79. Back (from left): M Hurst, S Smith, C Allen, K Bailey, I McKenzie, K Smith, M Rogers. Front: M Baldwin, D Caplin, D Sanders, C Webb, G Muggridge. Order no: 6569717



HAREFIELD NOMADS 1977. Back row (from left): Alan Spencer (treasurer), Ian Anderson, Rob Daily, Glen Duer, Shaun Webb, Bill Street, Jim Chamberlain (player-manager). Front: Neville Virgin, Mark Virgin, Dave Heather, Graham Flight, Ricky Saitch, Tony Hemy. Order no: 6569694



TOOGOODS 1971/72. Back (from left): Phil Shephard (secretary), Ron Barne (trainer), Wayne Dack, Mick Dear, Steve Beech, Ian Calder, Malcolm Harris, John Parker, Dave Maiden, Paul Maiden. Front: Bob Williams, Bill Ragan, Derek Phillips, Ted Aftanas, John Lipscombe. Order no: 6569685



ROAD-SEA 1978/79. Back (from left): P Price (manager), P Horne, S O'Neil, P Moore, G Prior, A Judd, D Hibberd, T Jewitt (trainer). Front: B Taubman, D Phillips, M O'Neil, M Farmer, M Swain, G Hounsell. Order no: 656966518



TOOGOODS SPORTS, April 1972. Back row (l-r) Phil Sheperd (secretary manager), Steve Beech, Alan Keats, Ian Calder, Malcolm Harris, Bob Williams, Wayne Dack, John Lipscombe, Paul Maiden. Front row: Roger Osbourne, Ted Aftanas, Bill Ragan, Derek Phillips, John Parker. Order no: 9203559

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P.D. (S.W.) SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, Jan 1971. Back row (l-r): William Millard (team secretary), Peter Gray, Douglas Holloway, Lewis Hall, Collin Watts, Michael Ward, Frank Colverson, George Lever (trainer). Front row: Graham Dewey, Michael Hanslip (captain), David Whiteman, Michael Krest, S. McCormick. Order no 9384080



BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL, April 1972. Back row (l-r): M. Topp, T Taylor, E Bobbett, G Hattersley, T Whitlock, K Hackman, D Bobbett, B Wassell, A Thick, T Hardy, B Wood (capt.). Front row: R Hillier, D Parsons, R Brewer, J Byrne, B Leigh, AN Other. Order no 9204552



KRAKATOA RESERVES. Back row: Mr W Sommers, T. Cherry, P. Byrne, T. Sheale, P. Bishop, M. Bryant, M. Cherry, J. Lawes, Mr N Wallington (manager). Front row: R. Yeates, K. Lyons, J. Dawson, J. Ross, L. Smith, R. Dean. Order no 9204256



MERRY OAK SPORTS, April 1970. Back row (l-r): Wally Smith, Andy Renyard, Barry John, Brian Baker, Mr Eric Bartlett, Frank Cheshire, Ernie Whitmarsh, Clive Samsome. Front row: Graham Samsome, Peter Ely, Terry Mills, Dave Martin, Franck Coppini. Order no 9204247



REVVO SPORTS, March 1971. Back row (l-r): W. Beech (manager), A. Roberts, A. Rideout, R. Kittle, R. Veal, H. Cassin, M. Moyland (trainer). Front row: K. Charles, B. Lapitt, T. Staines, J. Bridle, J. James, T. Sanctuary, K. Martin. Order no 9203792



WINDERMERE, March 1971. Back row (l-r): Brian Aveson, Mr G. Southwell (manager), John Carstairs, Keith Hill, Tony Misselbrook, Rick Southwell, Gary Wall and Mike Gilbert. Front row: Derek Polkinghorne, Steve Adams, Mike Chivers, John Hedges (captain), Nicky Chulck, Colin Winter, Tony Carpenter. Order no 9203813



NORTH STONEHAM, February 1972. Back: Pete Marchall, Brian Phillips, Keith Wright, Bill Merryman, Martin Peake, Martin Newman. Front: Phil Treagust, Paul Rickard, Malcolm McNeith, Don Gowans, Norman Phillips, Adrian Evans. Order no 920424728



TOTTON ST. TERESAS, April 1970. Back row (l-r): Nigel Stoner, Martin Ostker, Chric Stanley, John Harris, Bill Smith, Dave Dowty, Terry Palmer, Mr A. Palmer, Mike Goodridge. Front: Steve Biddlecombe, George Dixon, Tony Alford, Tony Adams, Paddy, Coughlin, Tony . Order no 9204216

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OLD SHIRLEY 'A' 1978/79: Back (from left): I Watson, M Geddes, R Witt, N Beale, S Tubbs (trainer). Front: S Kirkland, M Russell, S Doswell. Order no 6569733



COALPORTERS 1974/75: Back (from left): Ted Travers, Trevor Spacagna, Keith Warland, Malcolm Buckland, Steven Stroud, Dave Rye, Johnny Briers, Benny Briers, Charlie Warland (manager). Front: Frank Shotter, Dave Way, Marco Stroud, Chris Allen, Pete Lyons, George Shields. Order no 6569765



PARK SPORTS 1977/78: From left: Clive Bruin, Colin Winter, Sam Weller, Ian Clunie, Phil Aldridge, George Black, Terry Show, Stan Boston (manager). Order no 6569776



WINCHESTER CITY 1971: Winchester City skipper Derek Norman receiving the Southern Newspapers Invitation Cup from Mr R Perkins, chairman of Southern Newspapers Limited. From left: Richie Colbert, Peter Surrey, Brian Last (obscured by Keith Smart), Pat Rafferty (obscured by manager Jack Norris), Micky Woolford, David Lock, John Armon, Dennis Huxtable (coach), and Derek Walker. Order no 6650828



SHOLING SPORTS celebrate winning a cup in May 1974, but which one? Order no 6650818



SIR JOHN BARLEYCORN 1975/76: Jean Miller winners. Order no 6622982



BROCKENHURST, Jan 1975: Back row (left to right): H Lee, J Wilson, B McQuoid, J Needham, M Lewis, J Harris, J Hallan, G Browning, P Clark. Front row: B Marwood, D Dear, M Reynard, I Ferrett, W Paramore. Order no 7295111



SWAY, September 1973: Hampshire League Division 4. Back row (left to right): T Stallard, D Donovan, J Chambers, M Maidment, S Clark, J Goddard, J Hellwell. Front row: Mr D Gulliver (chairman), P Baker, P Dunn, M Chivers, M Harfield, M Jones, M Brackstone (manager). Order no 7293541

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ALTON TOWN, 1972/73. Order no: 16149170



AC DELCO, February 1970: Left to right, back: R Witt, D Hanley, J Cassell, G Collings, R Croombe, R Caruana. Front: J Farmer, R Pragnell, M Farmer, A Misselbrook, R Brown, J Longmore. Order no: 16149172



AC DELCO, 1976 Left to right, back: John Sydenham, Cliff Huxford, John Robertson, Pat Rafferty, John Longmore, Colin Hayward, Malc Charrett (manager). Front: Martin Ostler, Jenner Brown, Micky Farmer, Colin Long, Keith Smart, Wayne Chafe. Order no: 16149174



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS, April 1970: Back: Poole (Tauntons), Drayton, Couplan, Chimes, Sweetnam (Portsmouth SGS), Collins (Itchen), Dunn, Swift. Front: Lawrence, Phillips, Williams, Surman, Adams, McLaughlin, Gerrard, Whitcher.



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS, 1976/77: Back: B Killick (Wakefords), G Whelan (St Mary's), M Riches (Peter Symonds), R Brown (Cricklade Andover), C Jennings (Wakefords), M Rawlings (Eggars Alton), J Alderton (Mayfield Portsmouth), M Byrnes (Peter Symonds). Middle: Paul Thompson, Paul Nugent, Kelvin Finch (Purbeck), Nicky Traynor (Itchen), J Bambridge (Salesian), Steve Baverstock (QM Basingstoke), Richard Hill (Farnborough), Kevin Loosemore (Tauntons), Paul Sexton (Totton), Danny Nash (Itchen), Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge, Bob Beale. Front: J Price (Wakefords), C Complin (St Mary's), Neil Bayham (Prices), B Falconer (Totton), Ollie Forster (Barton Peveril), M Keaton, A Callum (Itchen), Simon Fry (Tauntons), Pete Murphy (Wakefords), Clive Bridgeman (Cricklade), Dominic Freeman (St Mary's), Andy Johnson (Mayfield).



MOORGREEN, 1976: Southampton League Senior 1 championship-winning side.



NUTFIELD, 1976: Southampton Senior League



ANDOVER (1975): Left to right, back: P Gadsden, B Humphries, S Burson, M Williams, W Smith, M Burford, E Turner. Front: B Billen, J Loughran, A Davis, R Hull, A Moss (capt), A Smith, M Grubb, B Hayward. Order no: 11617627

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ANDOVER (1976): Left to right, back: Frank Gardner (trainer), Barry Scriven, John Moore, Trevor Holmes, Brian Humphries, Mick O'Connor (team capt), Micky Burford (club capt), Tony Kebby, Bobby Mayne. Front: Alan Lambert, David Evans, Tony Johnstone, Eric Underhill (manager), Steve Hyde, John Mooney, Dave Reid. Order no: 11617630



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS 1977/78: Back Andy Sinden, N Gibson, Einer Fischer, R Cockeram, Chris Renny, A Forrester, C Draper, C Evans, N Baynha. Second row: Paul Thompson, Pat Ranger, Danny Nash, Graham Batey, Simon Fry, Rory O'Brien, Dominic Biggs, Mark Rawlings. Third row: Bob Beale, Nigel Spackman, Nicky Searles, Kevin O'Connell, Mark Stanley, T Graves, Steve Moran, Lance Bowie, Pete Munro, Hedley Wooldridge. Front: Andy Callum, Phil Warne, Colin Angoy, Tim Martin, Steve Baverstock, Jimmy Pringle, Mark Keaton.



HAMPSHIRE'S men's XI, date unknown.



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS 1975/76: Back Bob Beale, Traynor (Itchen), Hallet (Totton), Jennings (Wakefords), Trappitt (Purbrook), Thakire (Havant), Soul (Tauntons), Pete Munro. Front: Murphy (Wakefords), Richards (St Mary's), Gribbon (Salesian), Green (Purbrook), Richard Hill (Farnborough), Clunie (Tauntons), Thompson (St Mary's), Westmore (Carisbrooke).



HAMPSHIRE'S men's XI, date unknown.



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS, 1973/74: Back: Bob Beal, Blastland (Eggars), Bottoms (Peter Symonds), Hendricks (Itchen), Graham Rowe (Barton Peveril), Irving (Queen Mary's Basingstoke), Paddy Heffernan (Eggars), O'Hara (Sandown), King (Brockenhurst), Pete Munro. Front: Kevin Albury, Chris Gebbie (Barton Peveril), Clive Green (Purbrook), Devereux (Bournemouth), Goddard (Tauntons), Kazi (Farnborough), Wright (Sandown).



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS 1978/79: Back: Nigel Spackman, Neil Sprunt, Nick Sellick, Graham Moss, Mark Dixon, David Steele, Ian Jeal, Chris Webb. Second row: Hedley Wooldridge, Mark Loose, C Moss, David Cook, Mark Botterill, D Marsh, Mark Stanley, Barry Weavil, Mark Sandford. Third row: Norris Onoufriou, Danny Nash, Steve Moran, Simon Fry, Chris Wheeler, Dave Lappage, Steve Eades, Andy Beal, Jimmy Pringle, Pete Munro, Pete Buck. Front: T Graves, D Greenwood, Mark England, Rory O'Brien, Colin Angoy, Colin Watts, Phil Warne, Trevor Davies.



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS, April 1972: Back: Mr Pete Munro, Waught (Itchen), Azor (Itchen), Roadnight (Eggars), Matthews (Salesian), Poole (Tauntons), Carter (Portsmouth Tech College HS), Mr G Carver, Mr Pete Nash. Front: name not known, Kazi (Farnborough), Lovell (Tauntons), Brewer (Barton Peveril), Selway (Portsmouth Northern), Brown (Portsmouth Northern), Kent (Portsmouth Northern), Else (Farnborough).

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SWATHLING RESERVES, SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP FINALISTS, 1978-79. Back row (l-r): S Hill, D Hadfield, M Shaw, T Howe, T Knight, J Carter. Front (l-r): T Rawlins, D Harris, P Edgehill, W Thomas, M Cresswell. Order no: 6275296



TOTTON FC, 1969-70. Back row (l-r): C Jones, (manager), T Martin, T Wharton, B Smith, J Harris, G Down, B Lyon, P Taylor. Front (l-r): T Chilcott, G Dixon, D Chandler, D Whatley, D Nash. Order no: 6275301



WINCHESTER CITY 1971/72: Back (from left): David Lock, John Armon, Peter Surrey, Pat Rafferty, Brian Last, Micky Woolford, Derek Gamblin. Front: Derek Walker, Richard Coulbert, Derek Norman, Keith Smart. Order no: 6301989



SHOLING SPORTS 1970/71: Back (from left): Dave Morris, Ray Collins, Brian Baker, Paul Whitfield, Richie Morey, Keith Hampton, Joe Harley. Front: John Pinnick, Bobby Byrne, Malcolm Ambrose, Brian Smith, Ian Wolfe, Ian Hunt. Order no: 6302520



OLD SHIRLEY 1975/76. Back (from left): A Whitfield (manager), B Witt, M Geddes, N Plunkett, T Whitelock, B Read, M Warburton, R Waters. Front: S Tubbs (trainer), V Hayter, P Coughlin, N Beale, M Jennings, M Russell, P Doswell, S Wyatt. Order no: 6408549



HAMPSHIRE COLLEGES, 1975, pictured in Skegness. Back (from left): Peter Wikeley (Eggars'), Ian Clunie (Richard Taunton College), Peter Hendricks (Itchen College), Simon Whitehead (Richard Taunton College), Gary Trappitt (Purbrook), Mark Winchester (Purbrook), Paddy Heffernan (Eggars'), Mark Coleman (Carisbrooke), P Munro. Front row: Norris Onoufriou (Richard Taunton College), Nick Richard (St Mary's College), Geoff Harding (Brockenhurst College), Ray Sheehan (Itchen College), Chris Gebbie (Barton Peveril College). Order no: 6408586



ALL WHITES 1976/77, Southampton Boys' League champions, senior KO winners and Arnhem Memorial Trophy champions. Back (from left): C Foley, D Lucas, J Bundy, D Moore, T Roberts, S Perkins, G Graham, P Foley (manager). Front: P Brooker, R Easton, R Newton (captain), A Guyer, L Porter, S Eades. Order no: 6408597



NEWTOWN SPORTS 1977/78, Southampton Sunday League Division 1, morning section. Back (from left): Clive Cowerson, Alan Weatherley, Mick Hughes, Steve Sims, Ian Hewson, Mark Stanley, Dave Ferris, Lou Colverson, Don Weatherley. Front row, left to right: Rob Carty, Gordon Mills, Mick Dicks, Danny Mumford, Mick Sheriton (manager), Peter Fleet. Order no: 6408617

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MAYBUSH HOTEL 1975/76. Pictured after winning the Commercial Houses Sunday League knockout competition, the Viking Cup. Back (from left): L Hughes, K Williams, M Dack, M Dear, A Steel, J Turner, A Misselbrook, M Bath, I Steele. Front: M Hall, P Wilson, J Moody, N Caruana, W Chafe. Order no: 6408626



KRAKATOA 1969/70. Pictured after beating Dryads 3-0 to reach quarter finals of Hampshire Sunday Senior Cup Back (from left): R Wallington (secretary), G Chapple, R Moorcroft, M Collantine, K Scott, R Fletcher, J Mortimore, P Hammond. Front: C Lambert, N Patience, B Knight, R Evison, M Perry. Order no: 6408637



CROWN & THISTLE 1975/76. Southampton Sunday League Division 3, morning section. Back (from left): P Le Brun (manager), G Smith, S Green, M Nolce, J Costick, S Porter, P Nash, A Alford. Front: T Swain, P Rawlings, T Clarke, W Parrish, W Alford. Order no: 6408654



HOUND UNITED 1975/76. Back (from left): Henry Bull (president), Harry Noice (secretary), Steve McGrath, Nigel Kent, Malc Copeland, Terry Brown, Dave Jones, Barry Morse, Dave Evers (manager). Front: Martin Gallop, Dave Hillman, Robert French, Jeff Foyle, Roy Penderson, Alan Croucher, Alan King. Order no: 6408732



HOLBURY '64 1977/78. Back (from left): M Mellor (manager), M Dear, E Richards, G Harding, B Cox, G Dibden, A McLuckie, M Drodge, C Hosey, P Bowl (chairman). Front: R Poore, J Oliver, P Lightfoot, G Kerr, M Poore, D Strong. Order no: 6408749



TOTTON FC 1970/71. Back (from left) Arthur Williams (team manager), Dave Whatley, Graham Down, Steve Beech, John Harris, Terry Palmer, Terry Azor, Peter Taylor, Wally Longman (trainer). Front: Dave Nash, Micky Carter, Tony Adams, Ted Hammond, Barry Gray. Order no: 6447768



WINCHESTER CITY RESERVES 1974/75. Back row (left to right): Vic Green (secretary), Eddie Harper, Ian Clunie, Nigel Pearce, Ian Moss, Bill Fisher, Ron Gale, Maurice Ennals (manager), Eddie Walpole. Front row (left to right): Keith Halls, Shay Donnelly, Nigel Bennett, Ray Sheehan, Eddie Andrews, Mick Hill. Order no: 6447778



WINCHESTER CITY 1973/74. Back row (left to right): H. Mueller, P. Hammond, B. Phillips, B. Williams, P. Taylor, T. Smith, P. Tudberry, S. Flux, I. Calder. Front: D. Hawkins, C. Roberts, D. Malden, G. Hounsell, W. Dack, J. Pothecary, S. Weston, L. Hall. Order no: 6447782

1970S NOSTALGIA SPECIAL



BROCKENHURST, 1976: Hampshire League. Back (l-r): Cyril Otter, Jack Hull, Steve Lawford, John Hallam, Ted Perfect, Selby Dando, Jim Lawford, Alf Grace, Brian McQuoid, Ian Ferrett, Trevor Clark, Harry Lee. Front: John Lee, Jim Needham, Mike Ackling, Dave Dear, Bill Paramore, Bob Buck, Malcolm Reynard, Tim Richardson, Mascot: Michael Browning. Order no: 7295711



GOSPORT BOROUGH (Apr 73): back (from left): Richard Cade, Ken Turner, Tony Brickwood, Richard Damerell, Peter Farley, John Kill, Tony Callahan. Front: Chris Harding, Ray Lovell, Peter Mullice, Maurice Aylward, Mick Slaymaker. Order no: 9024177



HYTHE (Apr 79) back (from left): N. Shanahan, K. Bracher, J. Hendy, D. Harris, N. Kippax, J. Clarke, K. Cox. Front: D. Coombes, S. Holdaway, A. Frampton, K. Gregory, B. Langford. Order no: 9024598



WESTON PARK (1979): Back row (from left): S. Bywater, P. Marlow, K. McCann, L. Brett, J. Dashwood, A. Doswell, M. Kill, R. Fox. Front: T. Hickman, R. Jones, W. Logan, M. Doyle, N. Palmer, and M. Alford. Order no: 9654236



WYNDHAM PARK (1979): Back row (from left): Nicholas Davis, Mark Bailey, Mark Newark, Richard Fox, Dave Lowe, Dave Lugg, Nigel Collins. Front: Alan Hodge, Dave Cable, Andrew Valentine, John Elgie, Des Stevens, and Martin Spayes. Order no: 9654224



AC DELCO DYNAMOS (1977): Back row (from left): Ted Jenks (Club Secretary), Jamie Griggs, Andrew Thompson, Martin Wilkinson, Steve Blandford, Glyn Charrett, Martin Brown, Reg Wilkinson (manager). Front: Andy Jenks, Keith Walker, Kenny Carroll, Steve Whettingsteel, Phillip Goffe, Timmy Gray, Garry Blatchford. Order no: 9654246



NAME UNKNOWN: An unknown youth football team from 1979. Does anyone know who they are? Order no: 9654229



LITTLETON JUNIORS, 1977: Can you name any of these lads? Order no: 965263

1970S NOSTALGIA SPECIAL



BRAISHFIELD SUNDAY SIDE, 1977/78 (NEW FOREST LEAGUE CUP WINNERS). From left: Martin Scott (manager), Dave Bobbett, Ray Hillier, Dennis Emery, Brian Woods, Terry Taylor, Paddy Coughlin (with cup), Phil Compton, Jimmy Byrne, Barry Wassell, Dave Leigh, Alan Fielding, Dave Horscroft, Robbie Gregory. Order no: 11776033



BRAISHFIELD, 1976/77. Order no: 11776110



BRAISHFIELD, 1975/76. Manager Dave Leigh is on the far left. Order no: 11776107



FRYERS TEAM, 1977 : "Miss Echo" Vicki Wilkinson presents a shield. Left to right: Peter Biddlecombe, Paul Vine, Mike Perry, Miss "Echo," Barry Briggs, Richard Coldwell, Nicholas Lambert and Christopher Miller. Order no: 12147698



FRYERS FLYERS, SHIRLEY, 1977 (right): Left to right, back: Barry Briggs, Nicholas Lambert, Mike Perry, Robert Caldwell. Front: Peter Biddlecombe, Paul Vine and Chris Miller. Order no: 12147688



HARDY'S SHOP BITTERNE PARK, 1979: Left to right: Trevor Taylor, Mr John Broom (manager), Richard Green, Stephen Wellby, Mark Emm and Richard Ford. Order no: 12147712



NEWSBOYS FOOTBALL TEAM, 1978 Picture order no: 12147744

1970S NOSTALGIA SPECIAL



EX SAINTS XI line-up before match at Woodlands, August 1971. Order no: 6718677



MILLBROOK & MAYBUSH YC 1971, Hampshire Five-A-Side Cup runners up. From left – Rich Southwell, Steve Angel, Richard Tarrant, Nicky Chulk, Mick McLoughlin. Order no: 8544290



TOTTON ST. TERESA'S winners of the New Milton senior six-a-side soccer competition, May 1970. Back row (l-r) J. Harris, W. Smith, T. Palmer, D. Dowty. Front row: G. Dixon, T. A. Lofrd, C. Gray. Order no: 9203771



SAINTS YOUTH, December 1970. Back (from left): Les Harfield, Nick Holmes, Stephen Mills, Steve Middleton, Terry Rawlins, Mike Newington, Mike Seymour. Front: Terry Spinner, Pat Earles, Jeff Graham, Kevin Hancox, 'Buster' Crabbe. Order no: 5567470



WYVERN SCHOOL, 1972. Order no: 5567470



SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLBOYS, November 1974. Order no: 9192595



SCHOOLBOYS: November 1974. Can you name the team or any of the players? Order no: 9191520



COLDEN COMMON, May 1979. Back (from left): Ron Shaw, Dave Hadfield, Graham Mayer, Terry Rawlins, Ray Deane, Cliff Banford. Front: Wyn Thomas, Trevor Wallbridge, Kaz Podsiadlowski, Kevin Kelly, Martin Cresswell. Order no: 16148694

1970S NOSTALGIA SPECIAL



SHOLING SPORTS 1974/75. Back (from left) Keith Darnton, Dave McLaughlin, Bobby Byrne, Paul Whitfield, Graham Gander (captain), Geoff Mills, Keith Vine. Front: Brian Smith, Steve Williams, Peter Ely, Dennis Cook, Ray Collins. Order no: 6301959



SAINTS' YOUTH: Lawrie McMenemy sits in the middle of the front row in this picture of Saints' youth team taken in May 1972. Third from the left in the back row is Nick Holmes, who would be one of McMenemy's FA Cup winners four years later. Order no: 5567508



NAMES UNKNOWN: Tyro football cup final, April 1975. Does anyone know who this team is? Order no: 3702894



WINCHESTER CITY RESERVES 1974/75. Back (from left): Phil Shepherd, Richard Hatcher (trainer), Dave Hoare, John Lipscombe, Malc Colman, Graham Bintcliff, Bobby Williams, Cliff Roberts, Ian Crossley. Front: Nigel Bennett, Johnny Cassell, Ray Sheehan, Ted Aftanas, Paul Cook, Nigel Caruana. Order no: 6344082



SHOLING SPORTS, 1976. Order no: 6344097



SWAYTHLING 1977/78. Back (from left): Bill Stroud, Roger Digweed, Keith Cooper, Dave Hadfield, Malcolm Shaw, Ray Deane, Roger Sherwood. Front: Kevin Albury, Kevin Dixon, Malvin Harris, Ray Light, Steve Carter. Order no: 6344145



GOLDEN COMMON, January 1978. Back (from left): R Shaw (manager), P Rafferty, K Podsdowski, K Cooper, D Hadfield, G Meyer, C Scott, C Banford (secretary). Front: K Brady, P Birks, C Glover, M Cresswell, K Kelly. Order no: 16148704



HAMBLE WIVES, March 1977. Order no: 6750425

1970S NOSTALGIA SPECIAL



NETLEY CENTRAL SPORTS after winning the Southampton Senior Cup, April 1972. Back (from left): Pedersen, Morgan, Wildig, Wellstead, Poole, Kent, Queen, Heaney, Croucher. Front: Bell, Donohue, Foyle.

Order no: 16148716



NETLEY CENTRAL SPORTS, March 1971. Back (from left): Bob French, Chris Queen, Roy Pedersen, Alan Croucher, Bob Bell, Tony Heaney (player manager), Len Manser. Front: Roger Holdsworth, Dick Donohue, Mick Brice, Terry Brown, Nigel Kent. Order no: 16148722



NETLEY CENTRAL SPORTS, receive another trophy, April 1973. Order no: 16148725



NETLEY CENTRAL SPORTS, 1971/72. Back (from left): Dave Murphy, Trevor Turner, Roy Pedersen, Bob Bell, J Wellstead, Chris Queen, David Poole, R Wildig, Charlie Clarke (manager), Charlie Walker (official). Front: Jeff Foyle, Nigel Kent, Brian Morgan, Dick Donohue, Tony Heaney, Alan Croucher. Order no: 16148728



WILDERN, winners of Cyril Perks Trophy, Swanmore 6-a-side, September 1972. Order no: 6622996



NETLEY CENTRAL'S Dick Donohue picks up more silverware for the club, May 1972.

Order no: 16148710



CLUMP INN, March 1978. Back (from left): Micky Hunt, George Franklin, Ken Jones, Roy Facey, Nigel Edwicker, Melvin Madigan, John Arrowsmith. Front: Dave Turpin, Jimmy Whelan, Dave Slack, Kevin Harnett, Graham Love, Malcolm Cross. Order no: 16148755

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Youth Football

Romsey rule

Romsey Town Youth U18 2

Netley Royals U18 1

ROMSEY Town Youth ensured they would go into the Easter break with a win in 2013 under their belts after defeating Netley Royals 2-1 at home.

It was only Town's third City of Southampton Youth League game of the year after a succession of postponements.

The home side started confidently with memories of a 3-1 victory of their rivals earlier in the season. However, any hopes of this game being as comfortable, were soon banished as the first half became a real scrap on a cold and muddy Hunts Farm pitch.

Romsey's Ben Newson forced the Netley keeper to tip a shot over the bar and Mike Simmonds also tested the opposition, but the game went into the break goalless with neither side having carved out any gilt-edged chances.

The visitors made a bright start to the second period and managed to break the deadlock not long into the half with a breakaway goal.

Romsey did not respond well and moments after con-

ceding, they could have been two goals down but, luckily for them, the Netley striker skewed his shot wide when well placed.

The hosts clawed their way back into the game with a sensational equaliser. Ash Blakeley collected the ball on the left before blasting in a shot from 20 yards out.

It was a strike worthy of giving any side a way back into the game but Town should have been behind again when James Sampson brought down a Netley player inside the box and conceded a penalty. Up stepped Netley's captain but his spot kick was well saved by the Romsey goalkeeper Jack Skinner. The home side were let off the hook and Sampson quickly made amends for his foul. Cam Melling picked up the ball on the edge of the box and fed Blakeley on the right wing. His pin-point pass found Sampson inside the box to calmly slot home into the bottom left corner for his second in two games.

Romsey managed to hold on despite pressure on the break by their visitors to claim victory.

After eights

M&T U14s 8

GE Hamble U14 1

LEADERS M&T made it ten successive league wins after a comfortable victory over third-placed Hamble in Division 5 of the Tyro League.

Richard Cooper started the scoring with a towering header from a curling Jack Corbett corner before Joe Bagguley doubled the lead as he ran on to a long Jack Johnson goal-kick to finish powerfully.

Corbett added a third after a neat pass from Owen Grimes before Grimes scored himself with a superb volley from the edge of the box after a clever ball from Elliot Hughes.

Hamble rallied after the break

to pull a goal back, but M&T restored their dominance when another excellent Corbett corner was headed into his own goal by a Hamble defender. Bagguley soon added another, running on to a creative ball from Cooper over the defence. He then completed his hat-trick after Kieran Higgins bravely blocked a Hamble attack and Billy Hinton played Bagguley in to score again.

George Hutchings twice had shots saved by the Hamble keeper, while Johnson was on great form in the M&T goal. The scoring was completed by Morgan Jacobs who broke clear to pass the ball into the corner.

Bees' double

Braishfield Bees U8 6

Clarendon Juniors U8 1

BEES completed the double over Clarendon thanks to a strong second-half display.

Having won 9-1 in the reverse fixture earlier in the season, the Bees mixed their squad positions to give players a chance in different positions.

The game started with the Bees looking to attack, but Clarendon's keeper was in top form, and with a mighty goal kick capable of clearing the whole pitch, the Bees had to defend with caution.

Eventually, the Bees' passing, movement and positional sense was too much for Clarendon, and Henry Gay

opened the scoring.

In the second half the introduction of the Bees attacking trio of Thomas Osborne, Samuel Payne and Tommy Tubb, saw the floodgates open as all three scored along with an unfortunate own goal as the Bees laid siege to Clarendon's goal.

The dangerous Payne added another before Clarendon struck a consolation.

The second fixture ended 9-0 with Louis Bates (2), Jimmy Palfrey (2), Max Copus (2), Harry Taylor, Samuel Payne and man of the match George Lindley all got on the score sheet.



MAIN MEN: Ryan Jeffery (right) and Houndsdown skipper Ben Scorey.

Hotshot Ryan is Houndsdown hero

RYAN Jeffery's record 36-goal tally has propelled Houndsdown into next month's Hampshire Schools' Under-12s Cup final against Andover's Harrow Way, writes Mike Vimpany.

Jeffery scored twice as Houndsdown beat Toynbee 4-1 in the semi-finals.

Houndsdown had a good run in the ESFA Under-12 Cup earlier in the season, reaching the last 32 before bowing out 3-1 to Ivybridge School, Plymouth, who subsequently suffered an agonising

extra-time Danone Nations Cup quarter-final defeat in Croydon.

Houndsdown started the livelier against Toynbee and capitalised on early pressure when Dan Head struck from a corner.

Before too long Ryan Jeffrey celebrated his 35th school goal of the season with a calm finish round the out-coming keeper.

Throughout the half, George Coombes controlled the pace of the game, with some sublime touches and his goal shortly before half time effectively

ended the tie as a contest. The second half was a much tighter affair and Houndsdown were put under real pressure, but skipper Ben Scorey ensured that Toynbee were kept at bay.

The prolific Jeffrey added his second of the game before Toynbee grabbed a consolation, to leave the final score 4-1.

Houndsdown's squad is: Billy Phillips, Tom Lycett, Dan Head, Matt Crowe, Luke McWinney, Ben Scorey, Harry Fitchett, Alex Effeny, George Nutt, George Coombes, Ryan Jeffrey, Ellis Davis, Callum Jones, Alfie Baker.

New look Mountbatten into final

A NEW team strip provided by the Professional Football Association's kit scheme, set up to support schools' football, inspired the Mountbatten School to a 3-0 win over Sholing – and a place in next month's Hampshire Schools Under-16 Cup final against Portsmouth-based Priory, writes Mike Vimpany.

A Lewis Oliver brace and a solo goal by Luke McCarthy earned Mountbatten their date with Priory, who beat

Portsmouth neighbours Miltoncross 2-1.

In the earlier rounds, Mountbatten beat Ryde 5-2 and then Upper Shirley High after a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

They are also unbeaten in the Eastleigh and Winchester District Schools' League, coming up against the likes of Kings', Romsey, Swanmore and Toynbee, who they have still to play.

Head of PE, Gordon Taylor, is delighted with the

success of the school's football squads this year.

"We have a strong competition structure at Mountbatten with success across a wide range of team sports. This is one of the ways in which the school extends opportunity and challenge for high performing students".

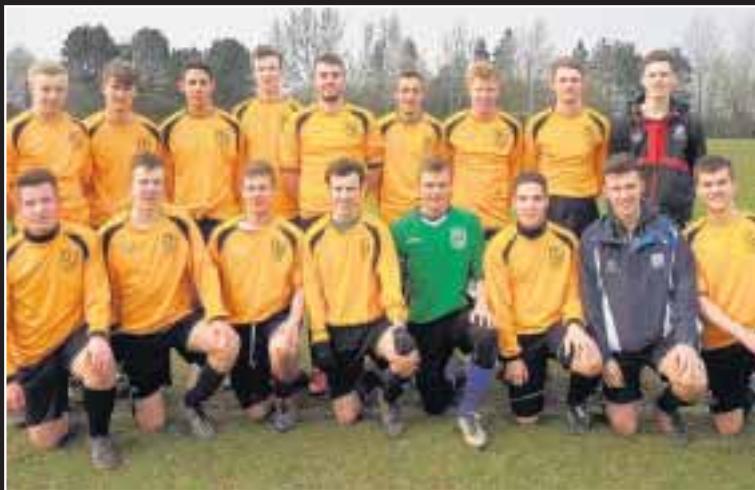
Of the younger Mountbatten pupils, Jean-Luc Ramdin, Year 8, attends Southampton's Academy, and will shortly be travel-

ling with the Saints to take part in a tournament in Dallas, USA.

MOUNTBATTEN: Back (L-R): Mitch Down, Tom Brent, Ben Wreford, Lewis Oliver (Captain), Will Hill, Luke McCarthy, Henry Lovell, Gordon Taylor (Head of PE).

Front: John Comer, Ben Fower, Sam French, Dominic Collicott, Cameron Sahota, Ollie Lerway

Youth Football



CORFE HILLS: Back (Left-right): J. Hollingworth, J. Wood, C. McIntosh, L. Murphy Parry, J Daniels, C. Foy, E. Hammond, M. Rolstson, R. Warrener. Front: G. Reid, C. Robb, J. Clements, S. Freeman, G. Wescott, H. Reid, M. Swindlehurst, C. Perry.

Matt and Sam are on target

CORFE Hills will face Poole Grammar in the Dorset Schools' Cup final after beating Gillingham 3-1 in a semi-final replay at Broadstone.

Denied victory in the initial match when Gillingham grabbed a last gasp penalty equaliser, Corfe Hills were on the road to a comfortable win once Matt Swindlehurst scored the first of his two goals in the early stages of the replay.

Gillingham, beaten by PGs in last season's final, were caught out by a long ball from the back, which Swindlehurst controlled before cutting across his marker to beat goalkeeper Ben Fryer.

Corfe Hills, who have not lifted the trophy for the past five years, ought to have increased their lead before Swindlehurst doubled their lead from a



ON TARGET: Matt Swindlehurst and Sam Freeman.

"Louis seemed to be everywhere yesterday and made many an important cover tackle for his team-mates," praised Dominey.

close range header shortly before the break.

Gillingham, whose cricket team won the national Under-17 schools trophy last September, launched a spirited second half rally but any hopes of a recovery were dashed when Sam Freeman finished off a neat move he initiated with Ryan Warrener.

The visitors did get a late penalty consolation goal – Dave Harris scoring from the spot.

Corfe Hills coach Russell Dominey picked out Louis Murphy as his man-of-the-match, although Jake Hollingsworth also caught the eye in central defence.

"Louis seemed to be everywhere yesterday and made many an important cover tackle for his team-mates," praised Dominey.



FINAL BOUND: Southampton Girls and Ladies under-11s.



FINAL BOUND: Southampton Girls and Ladies under-10s booked their place in the cup final with a 9-0 semi-final win.

Girls power into League Cup final

SOUTHAMPTON Saints girls under-15s cruised into the South Wilts Inter League Cup final with a 9-0 win over Sarum Youth.

Saints' victory was based entirely on a dominant first half display, with six goals coming as a reward for their good play.

Megan Chapman, Elle Pearce and Tiffany Eley (2) got the ball rolling for Saints, before Eilidh Currie and Martha Phillips got on the scoresheet too before the break.

The second half was marred by a Sarum player breaking her ankle, but goals from Hannah Richards, Kayleigh Tonks and another from Chapman rounded off a convincing win.

Saints will now play Winchester, who beat Corfe Mullen 2-1 in the other semi, at Salisbury City's Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

Southampton Saints under-12s came through a 10-goal thriller with Bournemouth Poppies to book their place in the RWM Trophy final.

Saints went behind early on but were soon level as Faith Wood beat the full back for pace and her cross leaving Saints skipper Abbie Lee with a tap in. Eleanor Elsey put Saints ahead. Saints extended their lead as Elsey found Bex Quinn, whose shot was saved with the rebound falling to Lee to tap in.

Two quick goals from the hosts meant the scores were level at the break.

However, despite Poppies netting once more, a second half hat-trick from Carmen Garcia ensured Saints won out 6-4 to book a final tie with Sarum Youth's conquerors Alderbury Aces.

Saints' under-11s are also through to a final, after they disposed of AFC Portchester in the League Cup semi-final. Jennifer King fired Saints into an early lead and, despite creating numerous chances, her goal was all Saints had to show for their endeavour at the break.

The second half was a different story, as an early own goal, Arabella Sutcliffe's effort and

another from King ended the game as a contest.

Manisha Kaur's long range strike – her first ever goal – made it 5-0 and Kia Anteney and Layla White rounded off a 7-0 victory.

The other semi-final saw Clanfield comfortably see of Warsash Wasps by four goals to nil. Leading the way for the hosts was Grace Porter with a cracking hat-trick and she was joined on the scoresheet by Keira Phelps.

The under-10s booked their spot in the cup final with a 9-0 win over St Francis with goals from Charlotte (5), Larissa (3) and Katelyn Worts.

Southampton Saints Girls and Ladies are looking for managers for their under-10 and under-14 teams.

It would be desirable for applicants to hold a minimum level 1 coaching. The position of team manager will be will subject to a full CRB disclosure check and the successful applicant completing a safeguarding children certificate and successfully completing the FA Course and coaching badge if needed.

For more information, contact club secretary Rachel Murray at Rachelandscot@btinter-net.com or 07711317654.

■ Southampton Saints Ladies' first team will be in action in the Southampton FA Divisional Women's Challenge Cup final on Thursday, March 28, at Romsey Town's Bypass Ground (kick-off 7pm). The Saints will be out to retain the Cup they won last year against QK Southampton.

This year's final pairs the Saints with Southampton Women and is likely to be a close affair.

On April 7 the ladies are in final action again, this time travelling to Swindon Town's league one County Ground to take on the hosts for the Ambassador Area Cup final.

Kick-off is at 2pm, entry to the game will be £3 for adults with under-16s going free.

Non-league Football

National and local football fixtures for the week ahead

Sunday, March 31

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Liverpool (1.30)

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

Premier: Old Mill v Knights Arrows, Westwood Old Boys v City Central.

Senior: Eastbrook Harriers v Linden Tree, Junior 1: Castle Inn v Bridge AFC, Echo v FC Railway, Newtown Athletic v Woodmill, Southampton Boys v Chartwell Green.

Junior 2: Bishops Blaze v Titans, Cricketers Arms v AFC Southampton, Sporting Compass v Sherfield English.

Junior 3: Carnival UK v Portwood United, L H Galaxy v Sherfield English Res.

Junior 4: A.V Chivas v Durley, Boyatt Wood Wanderers v E.D.I.S. Royale Marine v Hampshire Yeoman.

Junior 5: AFC Bishopstoke v Bannister Park, Ampfield v Bridge AFC Res, Chartwell Green Res v Obelisk, Cherbourg Res v J.S.C, Itchen Saints v Burridge AFC.

Junior 6: Athletico Totton v Sporting Compass Res, Netley RBL v Test Valley Spartans, Portside v Southampton Classic, Sky Blues v AFC Bishopstoke Res, Testwood Tornadoes v HSC Southern Stars.

Under 21 Division: Burridge Youth v Crofton Saints.

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Challenge Cup, quarter-final: Roll Call v C&G, Challenge Cup, semi-final: AFC Albrook v Hedge End SC.

Division 2: Fair Oak Albion v King George, Holbury United v Roll Call Res, Platinum Southern v AFC Anchor, Sholing United v AFC West End.

GOSPORT & FAREHAM LEAGUE

Gosport & Fareham Memorial & Charities Cup, semi-final: Bridgemary E v Locksheath WMC.

Gosport War memorial & Charities Cup, quarter-final: Dove Vane v CJ Glass.

Division 1: Fareham Park Rangers v Mayfair, Division 2: DH GO Bowling v Lee CC, Wansash Vullage v Whiteley, Village Home v Down End.

Division 3: DH Glencoe v Locksheath SSC, Parkway v Heathfield, Seaview v AFC Portchester.

Division 4: Down End Res v Holbrook, DH Whiteley v AFC Gosport Select.

ISLE OF WIGHT LEAGUE

Crown v Royal Canaries, Sands Hotel v Mad Cow, Shanklin v High Park Tavern, Showell v Fairways.

HAMPSHIRE YOUTH LEAGUE

League Cup, quarter-final: Christchurch v Colden Common.

Division 1: Colden Common Red v Petersfield Town, Fareham v AFC Totton, Gosport Borough v Hayling United, Moneyfields v Sholing.

Division 2: Alresford Town v AFC Stoneham, Andover New Street v Totton & Eling, Winchester City v United Services.

SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

Under 18: Hythe & Dibden v Sholing, S&D v BTC (Southampton) Stoneham.

Division 2: AFC Hiltingbury v Botley Village, Dynamos AFC Stithneham v Bitterne, St Francis Rovers v BTC (Southampton) Athletic.

Division 3: BTC (So'ton) Itchen v New Forest, Marchwood Rangers v Wyvern Dragons, QK (Southampton) v Botley Village Barracudas.

Under 16: Alresford Town v Whitehead.

Challenge Cup, quarter-final: AFC Totton v St Francis Rangers, Eastleigh v Colden Common Rangers.

Division 1: Winchester City White v Salisbury City.

Division 2: Alderbury Boys v Blackfield & Langley, Botley Village v Littleton Juniors, BTC (So'ton) v St Francis Knights, sRomsey Town Panthers v St Denys.

Division 3: AFC Stoneham v Hedge End Rangers, Astro Blues v Winsor Utd, Fawley AFC v Wyvern Sports, Netley Royals v Pirelli Piratics, Totton & Eling v Romsey Town Cougars.

Monday, April 1

FA CUP

Sixth Round Replay: Chelsea v Man Utd.

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Fulham v QPR (8.00).

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

Barnsley v Leicester, Birmingham v Wolverhampton, Blackpool v Crystal Palace, Bristol City v Sheff Wed, Burnley v Nottm Forest, Cardiff v Blackburn, Leeds v Derby (5.05), Millwall v Ipswich.

NPOWER LEAGUE 1

Bournemouth v Scunthorpe, Crewe v Preston, Doncaster v Swindon (12.15), Leyton Orient v Bury, Milton Keynes Dons v Brentford, Notts County v Yeovil, Oldham v Colchester.

Plymouth v Tramore, Sheff Utd v Carlisle, Shrewsbury v Crawley Town, Stevenage v Hartlepool, Walsall v Coventry.

NPOWER LEAGUE 2

AFC Wimbledon v Barnet, Accrington Stanley v Burton Albion, Aldershot v Oxford Utd, Cheltenham v Northampton, Chesterfield v Port Vale, Dag & Red v Bristol Rovers, Exeter v Rochdale, Gillingham v Rotherham, Morecambe v Wycombe, Southend v Fleetwood Town (1.00), Torquay v Bradford, Plymouth v Plymouth.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: Barrow v Hyde, Brantree Town v

Ebbesfleet United, Dartford v Woking, Forest Green v AFC Telford, Hereford v Tamworth, Lincoln City v Cambridge Utd, Luton v Kidderminster, Mansfield v Gateshead, Nuneaton v Newport County, Southport v Alfreton Town, Stockport County v Grimsby, Wrexham v Macclesfield.

South: AFC Horncastle v Bromley, Bath City v Salisbury City, Chelmsford v Dover, Eastbourne Borough v Welling, Eastleigh v Dorchester, Farnborough v Maidenehead, Hayes & Yeading v Havant & Waterlooville, Sutton v Boreham Wood, Tonbridge Angels v Billericay, Truro v Basingstoke.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Gosport Borough, Arlesey v Cambridge City, Barwell v Bedworth, Bashley v Weymouth, Bideford v Frome, Chippenham v Evesham, Kettering v Hitchin, Leamington v Banbury, Redditch v Stourbridge, St Albans v Hemel Hempstead, St Neots v Bedford.

Division One South & West: Abingdon Utd v Didcot, Bishops Cleeve v Evesham, Cirencester v Shortwood, Clevedon v Tiverton, Hungerford v North Leigh, Merthyr Town v Cinderford, Paulton Rovers v Swindon Supermarine, Sholing v Poole Town, Taunton v Bridgwater, Wimborne v Winchester City, Vale v Mangotsfield.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Alresford v Alton, Downton v Bemerton HH (1.00), Fawley AFC v Blackfield & Langley, GE Hamble v Hayling Utd (1.30), Horndean v Moneyfields (1.00), New Milton v Lympington Town (11.00), Romsey v Totton & Eling (12.00), Verwood v Christchurch.

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP

Quarter-final: Newport IoW v Brading Town, PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier: AFC Stoneham v AFC Aldermaston, Colden Common v Bournemouth Sports, Hedge End Rangers v Liss Athletic, Liphook v Paulsgrove, Locks Heath v Fleetlands, Otterbourne v Clanfield, Overton v OK Southampton, Sporting BW v Hamble Club, Winchester Castle v University of Portsmouth.

MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004

Crusaders v Upland, Lyndhurst v Forest Town.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Division One East: Alton v Horndean (12.00), Hayling Utd v Whitchurch.

Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Lympington Town.

Tuesday, April 2

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Quarter-Final First Leg: Bayern Munich v Juventus, PSG v Barcelona.

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

Bolton v Huddersfield (8.00), Brighton v Charlton, Hull v Watford, Middlesbrough v Peterborough.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Fareham v AFC Portchester, Horndean v Bournemouth Poppies.

Division One: Hythe & Dibden v Stockbridge, Tadley v Cowes Sports, US Portsmouth v Ringwood.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Christchurch v AFC Portchester, Horndean v Bournemouth Poppies.

Division One: Amesbury v US Portsmouth, Cowes Vics v Totton & Eling.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Leamington, Banbury v Chesham, Bideford v Barwell, Frome v Bedworth, Hitchin v Gosport Borough.

Kettering v Chippenham, St Albans v Bashley, St Neots v Arlesey, Stourbridge v Cambridge City, Weymouth v Bedford.

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Yate, Bridgwater v Didcot, Clevedon v Abingdon Utd, Evesham v North Leigh, Hungerford v Wimborne, Mangotsfield v Swindon Supermarine, Merthyr Town v Winchester Town, Paulton Rovers v Cirencester, Pool Town v Tiverton, Sholing v Taunton, Shortwood v Cinderford.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v GE Hamble, Alresford v New Milton, Bemerton HH v Moneyfields, Blackfield & Langley v Lympington Town, Bournemouth Poppies v Newport IoW, Christchurch v Fawley AFC, Downton v Hayling Utd, Fareham v Alton, Hayling Utd v Romsey, Verwood v Totton & Eling.

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PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: Bournemouth Sports v Winchester Castle, Clanfield v Colden Common, Liphook v Sporting BW, Locks Heath v AFC Aldermaston, Otterbourne v Hamble Club, Overton v Liss, Paulsgrove v AFC Stoneham, OK Southampton v Fleetlands, University of Portsmouth v Hedge End Rangers.

Combination: Bournemouth Sports v AFC Stoneham, Colden Common v Otterbourne, Fleetlands v Locks Heath, Hedge End Rangers v Overton, Liss v Paulsgrove, Sporting BW v Clanfield, Winchester Castle v Liphook.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Moneyfields v AFC Portchester.

Division One East: Alton v Hayling Utd, Horndean v Alresford, Newport IoW v GE Hamble, Whitchurch v Team Solent.

Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Hythe & Dibden, Lympington Town v Downton, New Milton v Fawley AFC, Ringwood v Romsey Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: GE Hamble v Bournemouth Poppies, Hayling Utd v Hamworthy Utd.

Division One: Hythe & Dibden v East Cowes Vics.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club, Colden Common v Hedge End Rangers, Fleetlands v OK Southampton, Otterbourne v Bournemouth Sports, Sporting BW v Winchester Castle, University of Portsmouth v Liss Athletic.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Sholing, Bassley v Salisbury City, Dorchester v Chichester, Christchurch v Poole Town, Division One East: Alresford v Team Solent, US Portsmouth v Newport IoW.

Friday, April 5

NPOWER LEAGUE 2

Port Vale v Burton Albion.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: Cambridge Utd v Newport County.

Saturday, April 6

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Norwich v Swansea, Reading v Southampton (12.45), Stoke v Aston Villa, West Brom v Arsenal.

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

Birmingham v Millwall, Bolton v Wolverhampton, Brighton v Leicester, Burnley v Bristol City, Charlton v Leeds, Crystal Palace v Barnsley, Derby v Ipswich, Huddersfield v Peterborough, Hull v Middlesbrough, Notts Forest v Blackpool, Sheff Wed v Blackburn, Watford v Cardiff (5.20).

NPOWER LEAGUE 1

Bournemouth v Notts County, Colchester v Leyton Orient, Coventry v Brentford, Doncaster v Tranmere, Hartlepool v Bury, Milton Keynes Dons v Barnsley, Oldham v Carlisle, Portsmouth v Stevenage, Preston v Scunthorpe, Walsall v Sheff Utd, Yeovil v Shrewsbury.

NPOWER LEAGUE 2

Barnet v Chesterfield, Bradford v Northampton, Bristol Rovers v AFC Wimbledon, Exeter v Dag & Red, Fleetwood Town v Rochdale, Gillingham v Torquay, Morecambe v Rotherham, Oxford Utd v Wycombe, Plymouth v Cheltenham, York v Accrington Stanley.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: AFC Telford v Dartford, Alfreton Town v Stockport County, Barrow v Mansfield.

Ebbesfleet United v Nunton, Gateshead v Luton (at Brunton Park), Grimsby v Southport, Hyde v Brantree Town, Kidderminster v Lincoln City, Macclesfield v Hereford, Tamworth v Forest Green, Woking v Wrexham.

South: Boreham Wood v Dorchester, Chelmsford v Bath City, Dover v Basingstoke, Eastleigh v AFC Horncastle, Maidenhead v Havant & Waterlooville, Salisbury v Welling, Staines v Farnborough, Sutton v Billericay, Truro v Eastbourne Borough, Weston-super-Mare v Bromley.

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Non-league Football

Division three title is not Ringwoods... yet

BOURNEMOUTH SUNDAY LEAGUE

AFC Ringwood winning the DIVISION THREE title may not be a foregone conclusion after all as they crashed 4-0 in their penultimate game of the season with Corfe Mullen United's Ollie Ellis scoring all four goals.

Meanwhile, Oakdale Con move up to fourth place after Luke Hughes and Clay Pawlowski ensured a 2-0 success against Bournemouth Sports Mercury.

Foresters Arms are the new leaders of the HAYWARD SUNDAY PREMIER LEAGUE after Tom Brown (2), Tom Mam and Bill Stride gave them the upper hand 4-2 against West Moors SSC.

Reigning champions Queens Park are just a point behind after David Clements, Craig Barnett and James Burgess gave them the edge 3-2 against Queens Park Rovers who replied through Mark Dancer and Kyall Pearce.

In the other Premier League game, Sean Griffiths netted for Priory Quays but local rivals Christchurch Royals gave them a 5-1 spanking courtesy of Dan Seymour's hat-trick and further goals from Max Crow and Rob Hepple.

Lotus Press' excellent form in DIVISION ONE continued with a 3-0 victory over Kavell with goals



ON TARGET: Craig Barnett hit the back of the net in Queens Park's defeat of Queens Park Rovers.

from Joe Wright, Kyrone Fendley-Davis and Manny Ohameje while, in DIVISION TWO, Redhill opened up a seven point lead at the top when they shaded it 3-2 against promotion rivals Specialist Lettings thanks to Luke Ayrton, Brad Parnell and an own goal. Lee Diaper and George Knijff were the Specialist marksmen.

Second placed Tavla Spor went down 2-0 to goals from Savas Tosun and Lewis Brown against Townsend Spartans in DIVISION

FOUR and Funky Peach's promotion hopes were also dented when Fordingbridge Turks gave them a 5-0 tonking with goals from Tom Moseley (2), Sam Bates (pen), Ben Jury and Andy Kearley.

Alan Edwards netted for Ace but Magpies poleaxed them 6-1 with goals from James Carter (2), Ricky Barton (2), Scott Ison and Lee Jensen.

Tuakana lead DIVISION FIVE on goal difference after James Barwood (2), Jon Spooner and

James Speechley-Price accounted for Kavell Reserves 4-2 and JS West Moors go second after their 3-1 success against Carling Sports with goals from Stuart Hinks, Gary Craig and Chris Diffey.

Daniel Wills struck twice for A & T Athletic but Victoria Park Royals were 4-2 winners courtesy of Mike Kitson's four goal blast.

Newtown Rovers' DIVISION SIX title hopes suffered another setback when promotion rivals Ensbury Park Rangers scuppered them 4-2 with goals from Ben Norris (2), Carl Fleet and Jason Snelling.

Duncan Moody scored both goals in Windgreen Corfe Mullen's 2-0 success against Vienna Windows Reserves while Tony Hannan-Bobe steered Richmond Park Rangers to a 1-0 win over Shamrock.

Kinson Con go back on top of DIVISION SEVEN on goal difference after Pete Valinski (2), Matty Singleton, Jamie Lever and Paul Doe clinched a 5-0 victory over James & James.

Cranborne remain in contention after walloping Scott V 9-2 courtesy of Dan Loader's hat-trick and further goals from Richard Dinan (2), Adam Beattie (2), Scott Maidment and Matt Willets.

Gary Chappell bagged a hat-trick for Broadstone Con and there was also a goal from Josh Bird but AFC Dean Park were 8-4 winners thanks to Max Stock (2), Adam Eager, Ryan Weeks, Matt Whitcher and a Dean Fles hat-trick.

Ross hits five in Parkstone's demolition job

BOURNEMOUTH SATURDAY LEAGUE

ROSS Dominey was the five goal star when second placed Lower Parkstone CFC hammered Witchampton 9-0 in DIVISION FIVE with Andrew Cordial, Pete McLarty, Steve Burns and Chris Elkins also on target.

Meanwhile, bottom placed Bransgore United were on the receiving end again when Shoulder of Mutton United got the better of them 2-0 through Nick Bird and an own goal.

Second placed Bournemouth Electric's six game unbeaten run in the HAYWARD SATURDAY PREMIER DIVISION came to an end when Hamworthy Recreation upended them 4-0 with goals from Jamie Moores (2), Gary Vincent and Tim Porter.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the table, Redlynch & Woodfalls United remain rooted to the bottom after fellow strugglers Allendale emerged 3-0 winners thanks to Lee Cobb (2) and Sam Hardinges.

New Milton Linnets netted through Paul Morris and Bill Hancock in DIVISION TWO but Galleon go third in the table after tanning them 6-2 thanks to Joe Liddicoat (2), James Cracknell and a Sam Nash hat-trick.

Danny Veal, Nick Pegram, Stuart Sims and Steven Forster netted for AFC Pennington but the DIVISION THREE pacesetters had to settle for a point when Lee Wilkins (2), Alan Marsh and Adam Louka earned Old Oakmeadians Reserves a 4-4 draw.

The points were also shared when Redhill Rangers held Ferndown Sports Reserves to a 5-5 draw. Pete Valinski (2), Carlo Covello, Darren Cooper and Mark Brock were the Redhill marksmen with Khalid Sreti (2), Jack Pyne, Charlie Field and Andrew Lacey replying for Ferndown.

Matt Vining rattled in four when Milford Reserves moved off the bottom of DIVISION SIX with a 6-1 victory over Ferndown Sports A with Ryan Vaughan and an own goal completing their tally.

Wasps just edge out Albion

DREW SMITH CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE ROUND-UP

THERE were two close fought games in Junior 3 that beat the weather -with both winning teams getting home by the odd goal.

Warsash Wasps needed a late goal to defeat Totton Albion 4-3.

Wasps led four times through Brett Streek, Owen Wylie, Andy Valente and match winner Paul Fuge after Albion had levelled three times through an Ash Jupe double and James McLaren.

The other match produced a 3-2 victory for Capital against relegation threatened Bricklayers in a match not without drama.

Capital raced into a 3-0 lead through a Rich Frost double and Anthony Palmier.

They were still three up with 20 minutes left when substitutions saw them almost blow it as Brickies pulled back two goals through sub Adam Lyons and Sam Davies.

Brickies nearly levelled, hitting the crossbar and the upright as the woodwork twice denied them.

● In the Vets O-40 Langley Tavern entertained Bishops Waltham Dynamo and took the lead under comical circumstances as a Dynamo defender and his keeper got into a mix up allowing Don Keenan to score.

Paul Jenkins added a second as Tavern won the first of their double header 2-0.

Fortunes turned for the second match, with Waltham ending 3-1 winners thanks to Chris Evans, Neil Kerton and Andy Harris with Mark Blondell replying for Tavern.

● The date for the final of the Southampton DFA A Cup between Junior 1 title rivals Riverside and Veracity Vipers at Totton & Eling has been set for Wednesday, April 10 (kick off 7:30 pm).

● The casual ladies competition gets underway on Thursday, April 5 at Locks Heath in the form of a three way tournament involving Locks Heath, Poole Town and Mix n Match FC.

It will begin in the evening with all three teams playing each other.

It is hoped that other teams will come along and watch with a view to joining up in the long run.

● The final of the SDFA Vets Cup takes place at Hamble ASSC on Wednesday, April 3 (kick off 7:30 pm) between A Division title chasers Nursling and shock C Division new boys Woolston in their first season in Vets football.



WOOLSTON VETS: Back Row Left to Right: Mark Burden, Martin Evans, John Prout, Murry Wynnes, Lee Sivier, Alan Bishop, Micheal Allen & Lee Davey. Front: Daniel Butt, Craig Parker, Pete Child (Captain), Micheal Addison, Richard Cox, Chris Hall, Steve Hall & Shane Weaver. Missing from the photo manager Carl Browning.



NURSLING VETS: Back, left to right: Derry Taylor (co manager), Rik Geddes, Shane Dawson, Roger Maynard, Adam Gage, Darrin Colvin Cpt, Danny Gettings, Adam Smith andy Scullard co manager. Front: Steve Prout, Tony Patten, Kev Jones, Paul Joyce, Norman Steele, Stacey Green, Matty Lavers, Carey Moore.



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This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Time for Haye to walk the walk...

DAVID Haye has got to cut the hype and up the fight if he seriously wants to challenge the Klitschko brothers.

The former champ has announced another return to the ring over the past few days, and has targeted a showdown against either Vitali or Wladimir.

As per usual, it was prefaced by the Haye hyperbole accusing them of going back on their word on the conditions on which they would accept a fight against him.

But Haye was so thoroughly humbled when he lost to Wladimir that he needs to get serious this time.

Surely he will as well.

If ever there was a feeling, entirely promoted by him, that he was just there for the money and getting out while he was ahead, not that bothered about his legacy, that has been proven to be the utter tripe most of us suspected it was.

If it was true then there was no need to come back.

Even for the Wladimir loss, he has still made his mark, and has been a superb British fighter. He will be remembered as such.

Also he surely has plenty of cash in the bank.

So what is the motivation?

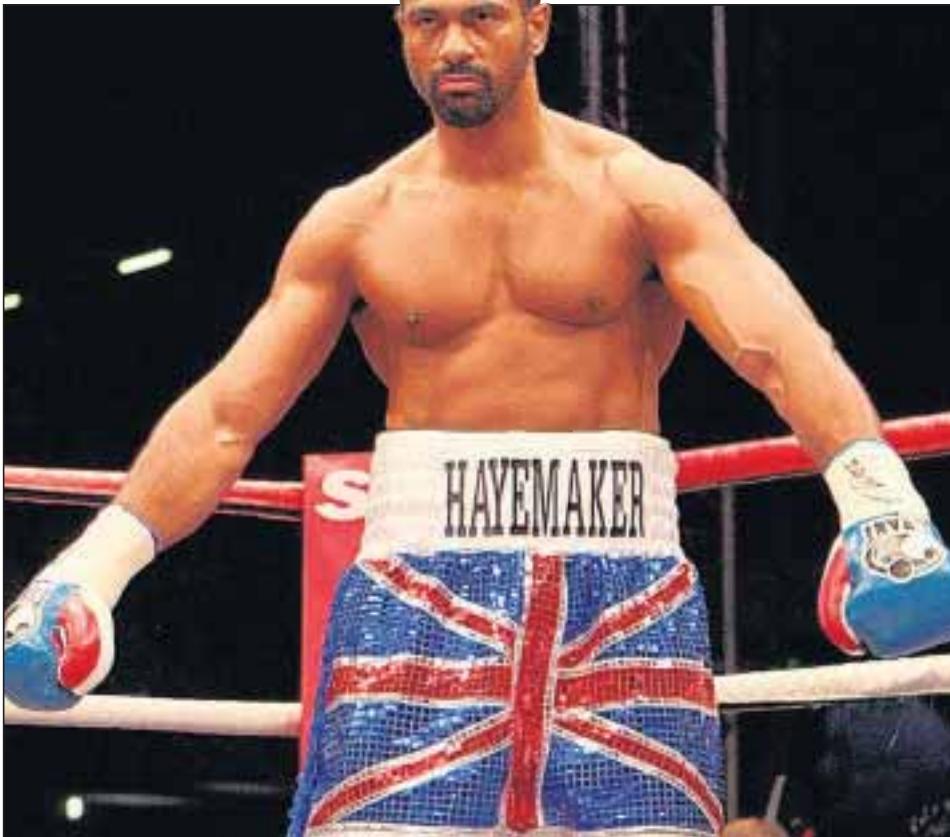
It can only be that he does actually care about his legacy, that he has dedicated so much time and effort, indeed his whole life, to achieving everything he has and you cannot do that without desire and pride.

And that pride of a champion is the kind of thing that doesn't die.

Haye obviously sat about and thought it through, and couldn't live without giving it one last shot.

So much for it being about the money and getting out.

This time though Haye is drink-



ing in last chance saloon. He won't be able to come back again and have another crack at this.

With Vitali ageing, there is every chance that Haye at the top of his game could beat him.

A rematch with Wladimir would be even more mouth watering because of what Haye has to prove, and it is a hard con-

test to call. Perhaps we will find out whether more of the Haye talk down the years has been bluster.

If he is serious about taking on two high profile, highly ranked opponents to make himself a mandatory challenger then we will really discover whether the Klitschkos are happier to duck

him than fight him.

If that is the case then it validates a lot of his career anyway.

Either way, a lot of the previous hype he has generated has not stood him in good stead. All right, it might have earned him a few extra quid, but we have now discovered it was never all about the money anyway.

It'll take a brave man to change things

THERE is a lot of talk about racism in football but so little worry about homophobia.

Former Leeds winger Robbie Rogers has become the latest player to come out as gay and quit the game for fear of the reaction.

Racism is, of course, is a horrible problem, and one that refuses to go away.

But at least the issue is subject to a lot of pub-

licity and, slowly but surely, that is filtering through.

All of these things are a mark of society, and society doesn't change overnight, but sport can have a hugely positive impact.

However, it is somewhat disturbing to see the lack of attention and care given to homophobia.

It will change, but it will need a very high profile

player to come out and continue to play for that to happen.

In the same way that the majority of spectators feel that abusing somebody because of the colour of their skin is totally unacceptable and abhorrent, this will surely be the consequence and open the floodgates if a gay player at the top level comes out and continues to play.

While it remains such a

taboo subject in the world of sport that will not happen though.

Rogers was worried about the reaction of teammates, and whether in the macho world of football he could still be accepted.

And then, of course, there was the fact that he would be at the centre of a media circus for a while, and the reaction of fans in the stands.

Perhaps he wasn't

really high profile to make a difference anyway.

But we all know there are gay players at the highest level of world football, it requires one of them to show immense bravery and courage to change things for everyone.

Easy to sit here and say, much harder to do.

However, it is the only way you can imagine things changing.

Number one
spot isn't all
it's cracked
up to be

You will have to excuse Adam Rant if he doesn't join in the massive hoopla over Andy Murray closing in on the number two ranking.

I think the champagne should be kept on ice until he gets to number one.

No disrespect to this achievement, but Murray has long been established amongst the world's elite tennis players.

Those holding him back have been Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

Murray was struggling to get above them but now we are celebrating apparently when Nadal basically had a year without playing and Federer has scaled back his schedule dramatically at the age of 31.

Murray, pictured, should be getting ahead of those two at the moment, it would be a major worry for him if he didn't.

If he gets above Djokovic, which will require sustained winning form, and, in all likelihood, some more Grandslam titles in the bank, then the celebrations will be justified.



Series was a shot in the arm for Test cricket

It was a depressing series for England in New Zealand but also a reminder of why Test cricket is so great.

In that last Test match England morally lost.

They were never in a position to win, and were just desperately clinging on.



It was a thrilling end as they somehow managed to repel New Zealand.

Americans would hate that it ended in a draw.

In a game that was so dominated by one side how can that be justice?

Well that is the majesty of Test cricket.

For England fans it was largely an utterly miserable series but for Test cricket it was a shot in the arm.

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Musselburgh levels things for Moidore

HORSE RACING

MOIDORE did not really take to jumping over the winter months but he should feel much more at ease as he returns to the level at Musselburgh (Sunday).

John Quinn must have harboured hopes of a Triumph Hurdle bid when the Galileo gelding won over a mile and five furlongs on very testing ground at Hamilton last September.

However, despite a promising third on his first attempt over obstacles at Aintree in October, Moidore failed to build on that as his sloppy hurdling repeatedly cost him dear.

Quinn drew stumps in that sphere when fourth behind subsequent Grade One winner Ruacana last December and Moidore should be nicely freshened up for this event.

He starts the year off a 5lb higher mark but Moidore looks a useful staying type.

Skytrain will be fit for action after a couple of all-weather starts and merits an interest as he returns to the turf in the Kingsize Pools At totepool.com Handicap.

Three juvenile starts yielded little joy in 2012 but Skytrain looked to have improved over the winter as he shed his maiden tag at Lingfield at the beginning of March.

Pitched into handicap company after that, Skytrain had to settle for second in what appeared to be a competitive enough three-year-old event at Wolverhampton.

He had no response when passed by the winner on that occasion but could have some improvement in him as he switches in surface.

Court Minstrel should feel the benefit of much better ground at Plumpton as he lines up in the totepool.com Sussex Champion Hurdle.

Evan Williams' charge was a winner at Cheltenham back in October but has not managed to get his head in front over the winter months with the very testing ground probably partly to blame.

However, he was far from disgraced when third in Grade Two company at Cheltenham's Open meeting while fourth in the Tolworth is hardly bad form.

The heavy ground really appeared to take its toll there but, with spring in the air, Court Minstrel can really start to thrive.

Valrene is already a winner at Worcester and should enjoy another trip to the track in the Bet totequadpot Text Tote To 89660 Mares' Handicap Hurdle.

The seven-year-old scored in November before finishing second back at that track next time up.

Robin Dickin then sent her to Bangor but she never looked like troubling the first two, although she stayed on admirably for third.

Proven over course and distance, Valrene would not have to be particularly special to win here.

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DOUBLE: Moidore and Court Minstrel.

CRICKET REVIEW with Mike Vimpany

Forest halt OTs cup bid

LEAGUE champions OTs & Romsey were thwarted by the New Forest in their bid to win the Under-16 Cup at Fleming Park.

With Ben Whitlock averaging over 35 and Pete Newman bowling tidily, they won all four league games, but they lost by four wickets in the cup final. Whitlock (28) again shone, but OTs' 123-3 was overhauled by the Forest, for whom Matt Taylor made 25. Old Tauntonians & Romsey



Under-16s (left-right), back: Jody Brown (coach), Ben Whitlock, Pete Newman (capt) Alex Bampton. Front: Stan Reilly, Matty Bampton, Joe Bristow.

SPIN CRICKET, pictured right, won the NatWest Trophy last season, but have a completely different side this winter. They finished fourth in the log, with Alex Bass, Tom Fay and Mike Howarth three players to watch on Sunday evening.



Matt's the Stallions' cup final warhorse

OTs just make it

OTs & Romsey chased down a formidable 145-run target to pull off a thrilling South Hants Indoor League Under-14 Cup final victory over Burridge with two balls to spare.

Burridge looked well set after Ollie Wright (27), Alex Damley-Jones (25) and Nick Jonas (26) posted a useful 145-3.

But OTs replied in similar fashion and, with Tom George (29) and Ed Mitchell-Lee (25) at the helm, proved up to the challenge and won by two wickets with two balls to spare.



UNBEATEN FIFTY: Sarisbury's Matt Journeaux.

AN UNBEATEN half-century by Matt Journeaux eased Sarisbury Stallions to a comfortable 77-run win over Highfield in the South Hants Indoor League Cup final at Fleming Park.

Journeaux hit 51 not out and, with support from Simon Orr (38) and Dave Banks (28), pointed Sarisbury towards a towering 176-4.

Highfield, who had upset the formbook with a surprise one-wicket win over Southampton University B in the semi-final, were gifted a 50-run start by Sarisbury's wayward bowling, which also proved costly in the ECB Indoor final at Lord's a week earlier.

But Sarisbury regrouped to dismiss Highfield for 99, with the promising James Newell (27) top scoring.

Journeaux (25) was also in good nick, supporting Ricky Rawlins (38) as Sarisbury made 106 before skittling Southampton Community for 52 in their semi-final.

Their 54-run win was in total contrast to the other semi-final, in which Highfield pulled off a dramatic victory over the University, courtesy of a wide off the penultimate ball.

Ed Nichols (27) and Chris Warne (27) provided the platform for the University's 128-4, while Newell (27) dropped anchor for Highfield.

But Newell's dismissal two overs from the end left Mohammed Zia Nori to face the music.

Undeterred, he carefully picked off the remaining runs to give Bournemouth a dramatic win.

Double trouble

BOURNE-MOUTH pair

Harry Weal (left) and

Robbie Pack (right)

finished the season as

lead individual

performers in

the NatWest

Under-16

Indoor Cricket

League at the

Ages Bowl.

Weal's 320 runs helped Bournemouth finish top of the log, while Pack grabbed the last New Forest wicket in the final game of the season to pip Hambleton's Rory Prentice to the bowling prize.

Left-arm spinner Pack took four wickets in the last two games, three as Bournemouth beat the New Forest by three wickets - Weal taking



some superb one-handed catches to help his teammate win the prize.

Leading performers -
Batting: Harry Weal (Bournemouth) 320, Ben Draper (South Wilts) 311, Brad Taylor (Basingstoke) 302, James Palmer-Goddard (SE Hants) 300, Rory Prentice (Hambleton) 300, Dan Scott (Alton) 297, Joe Theobald (Hursley Park) 257, Josh McCoy (Havant) 251, Luke Matthews (Bournemouth) 251.

Bowling: Robbie Pack (Bournemouth) 15, Rory Prentice (Hambleton) 14, Dom Clutterbuck (Parley) 13, Will Reid (Havant) 13, Tom Fay (Spin) 12, Dan Scott (Alton) 10, Chris Wheeler (South Wilts) 10.



● BOURNEMOUTH haven't won the NatWest Under-16 Championships since their back-to-back successes in 2004 and 2005, but they'll have the advantage of having played the past three weekends so will be on their game. They topped the log and, with the agile Harry Weal at the helm, have a clever tactical fielding plan in place. Having finished top run scorer, Weal will be a key figure in their bid.



● ALONGSIDE Bournemouth, Basingstoke & North Hants were a dominant force in the early days of the NatWest Under-16 Championships, with Hampshire trio Mitchell Stokes, Adam Rouse and Chris Wood all turning out for the May's Bounty club. But it's six years since they won the trophy. Ben Neal and Bradley Taylor will be the key figures against semi-finalists South Wilts.

● SOUTH Wilts, right, have fielded some pretty formidable teams in the Ageas Bowl competition over the past ten years – but, surprisingly, they've never won it!

They are the youngest side in the semi-finals but nonetheless have some talented players, among them Ben Draper, who finished second in the run-scoring charts, and Sam Arnold, a very handy all-rounder.



Crazy start for big four

BASINGSTOKE & North Hants, Bournemouth, South Wilts and Spin Cricket contest the NatWest Under-16 Indoor Championship at the Ageas Bowl tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

The action begins at 6pm, with table topping Bournemouth facing fourth-placed Spin Cricket, and continues at 7.15pm with Basingstoke playing South Wilts in the second semi-final.

The winning semi-finalists will meet in the final at 8.30pm.

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Girl power..

HURSLEY Park's name was on the Ladies Trophy before the final even began – their powerful A team beating a more junior C side by 67 runs.

Charlotte Taylor (25), Harriet Batchelor (26), Danni Ransley (27), Emma Bane (27) and Jemma Green (26) powered Hursley A to 178 without loss.

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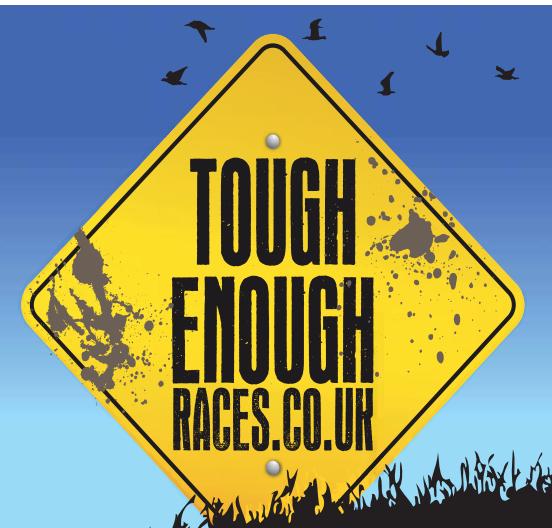
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Gervinho 11		Robson-Kanu 68	
Cazorla 48			
Giroud 67			
Arteaga 77 pen			
HT 1-0		Att 60,082	
Everton	L	Stoke	L
Man City	4	Newcastle	0
Tevez 41			
Silva 45			
Kun 56			
Perch 69 og			
HT 2-0		Att 47,201	
SAINTS	2	Chelsea	1
Rodriguez 23		Terry 33	
Lambert 35			
HT 2-1		Att 31,779	
Sunderland	0	Man Utd	1
Bramble 27 og			
HT 0-1		Att 43,760	
Swansea	1	Spurs	2
Michu 71		Vertonghen 7	
Bale 21			
HT 0-2		Att 20,604	
West Ham	3	W.B.A.	1
Carroll 16,80		Dorrans 88 pen	
O'Neil 28			
HT 2-0		Att 34,966	
Wigan	1	Norwich	0
Kone 81			
HT 0-0		Att 17,784	

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	HOME	AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Doncaster	40	8	6	5	6	24	20	13	4	4	33	20	72	
CHERRIES	41	10	6	4	3	36	19	10	4	7	30	32	70	
Brentford	39	13	6	2	34	19	6	7	5	19	19	70		
Swindon	40	8	9	4	37	14	10	5	4	27	16	68		
Sheff Utd	38	7	8	3	27	17	11	6	3	24	16	68		
Tranmere	41	10	5	6	31	20	9	4	7	27	24	66		
Yeovil	40	11	4	6	33	21	8	4	7	29	29	65		
Walsall	41	9	6	5	32	27	7	8	6	26	26	62		
Leyton O	41	11	2	7	26	19	7	5	9	22	26	61		
Notts Cty	41	8	5	7	26	21	6	11	4	27	20	58		
M K Dons	39	10	4	5	31	20	5	8	7	23	22	57		
Crawley	39	8	5	8	25	25	8	4	7	22	26	57		
Crewe	39	9	3	6	21	18	6	7	8	27	35	55		
Coventry	41	7	6	8	25	25	11	3	6	35	24	53		
Preston	39	5	9	6	25	22	6	6	7	22	24	48		
Carlisle	40	7	6	8	31	40	5	5	9	19	30	47		
Colchester	40	7	3	10	23	28	5	4	11	18	33	43		
Scunthorpe	40	6	5	10	27	36	5	3	11	16	29	41		
Oldham	38	6	3	10	22	22	5	4	10	19	29	40		
POMPEY	41	5	4	11	23	27	3	7	11	20	36	35		
Bury	40	4	6	10	19	29	3	7	10	20	35	34		
Hartlepool	41	4	7	10	16	26	3	5	12	17	37	33		
*Coventry deducted 10 points for going into administration														

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	HOME	AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man Utd	30	14	0	1	39	15	11	2	2	31	16	77		
Man City	30	11	3	1	35	11	7	5	20	3	15	52		
Spurs	31	8	4	3	22	15	9	2	5	31	23	57		
Chelsea	30	9	4	2	33	12	7	3	5	26	20	55		
Arsenal	30	9	3	3	39	20	6	5	4	20	13	53		
Everton	29	8	6	1	27	17	4	6	1	19	18	48		
Liverpool	30	8	5	2	29	14	4	5	5	27	24	55		
W.B.A.	31	9	2	4	23	14	3	7	2	27	44			
Swansea	31	6	6	4	28	23	4	4	7	13	17	40		
Fulham	29	6	3	5	22	17	3	6	6	18	27	36		
West Ham	30	7	4	4	26	18	3	2	10	9	26	36		
Stoke	30	6	7	2	18	15	1	8	9	20	34			
SAINTS	31	6	5	2	24	14	2	5	8	20	34			
Norwich	31	6	3	16	21	1	5	10	18	35	33			
Newcastle	31	8	1	6	23	21	1	5	10	18	35			
Sunderland	31	4	6	6	17	17	3	4	8	16	26	31		
Wigan	30	4	8	20	32	4	2	8	16	24	51			
A. Villa	30	4	7	4	14	22	3	5	7	17	34	30		
Q.P.R.	30	2	7	6	11	22	2	4	9	15	26	33		
Reading	31	4	6	5	23	29	1	2	13	13	32	23		

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Charlton	3	Bolton	2
Jackson 25		Sordell 4	
Dervite 60		Medo 2	
Kermorgant 63 pen			
HT 1-2		Att 17,322	
Huddersfield	L	Hull	L
IPSWICH	3	Leeds Utd	0
McGoldrick 45,49		Emmanuel-Thomas 68	
HT 1-0		Att 20,402	
NOTTM FOR	2	Brighton	2
McGuigan 82		Ulloa 57	
Lansbury 82		Buckley 85	
HT 0-0		Att 28,124	
PETERBRO.	2	Cardiff	1
McCann 72 pen,79 pen		Gunnarsson 23	
HT 0-1		Att 9,227	
Sheff Wed	2	Barnsley	1
Madine 65		Etuhu 90	
R Johnson 77			
HT 0-0		Att 29,697	
Wolves	3	Middlesb	2
McManus 17 og		Leadbitter 25,52	
Sigurdarson 48			
Doyle 70			
HT 1-1			

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Aberdeen	2	Hearts	0
McGinn 10,55			
HT 1-0		Att 10,175	
Dundee	0	Motherwell	3
Hull	38	12	2
Watford	39	10	4
Cardiff	38	13	3
Charlton	38	12	2
Crystal P	39	12	6
Notm For	39	10	6
Brighton	39	9	7
Leicester	39	12	3
Bolton	39	11	5
Middlesbro	39	12	1
Birmingham	39	6	7
Leeds Utd	39	11	3
Burnley	39	7	6
Charlton	39	5	6
Millwall	37	7	2
Ipswich	38	5	8
Blackpool	39	5	8
Blackburn	38	5	7
Huddersfield	38	6	8
Sheff Wed	37	7	3
Peterboro	39	6	4
Wolves	39	6	7
Barnsley	38	7	4
Bristol C	39	8	3

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AWAY

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	
Celtic	31	12	2	2	41	13	8	3	4	33	16	65
Motherwell	32	7	5	4	28	21	8	3	5	26	23	63
Inverness CT	32	6	7	3	38	22	6	7	3	28	27	50
Hibernian	32	6	5	5	22	19	4	5	4	24	24	48
Stranraer	32	6	3	5	19	14	5	5	6	21	25	45
Ross Cnty	31	7	3	5	19	14	4	6	6	19	23	44
St Johnstone	31	7	3	5	19	14	4	6	6	19	23	44
Kilmarnock	31	5	3	6	21	19	5	8	4	24	21	41
Aberdeen	32	5	8	4	16	14	5	3	7	22	46	41
Hibernian	32	6	5	5	22	19	4	5	7	18	25	40
Dundee Utd	31	3	9	3	28	25	6	4	6	18	26	40
Hearts	32	7	3	6	19	21	1	7	8	11	22	34
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Dundee	32	3	3	10	13	30	1	5	10	7	29	20



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